

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY STUDENTS

One of the major responsibilities of Perry Public Schools is to protect the health and safety of all students in its charge. The position of the district is that the use and abuse of alcohol by students is not only against the law, but harmful to the individual student, fellow students, and the school community as a whole.

The district subscribes to and supports the state and national program for drug-free schools. The district intends to keep its schools free of the use and abuse of alcohol and from the harmful effects that alcohol has on the lives of students.

Accordingly, the Perry Board of Education has established a **Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy** and procedure to underline their expectation that all school activities will be drug and alcohol free. This system of testing will be used at dances, proms, and other school activities as deemed appropriate by school administration.

While this policy targets those students who may have ingested alcohol, it should be noted that all other substance abuse policies of Perry Public Schools and Oklahoma School Law are also in effect at all school activities.

A student whose behavior gives administrators and/or adult chaperones reasonable suspicion that the student might be under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be asked to take a breathalyzer test. The breathalyzer will be administered by the superintendent, principal, teacher, or security personnel in a private location. Students who test "positive" will be re-tested as directed by the manufacturer of the breathalyzer device. A further positive test will result in the student being detained until a parent can come to escort them home. Students and parents will be referred to the SPS Intervention/Prevention Specialist. Additional consequences for testing "positive" may include disciplinary action or referral to the legal authorities at the discretion of the principal.

Any student whose behavior while on school property, at a school-sponsored event, or in school vehicles, creates a reasonable individualized suspicion that the student is under the influence of alcohol or an illegal chemical substance may be required to take an alcohol and/or drug use test. Nothing in this policy shall require alcohol and/or drug use testing of any student nor prohibit the school district from disciplining any student in the absence of an alcohol or drug use test of the student.

Any student who refuses to take an alcohol or drug use test when so required under the provisions of this policy will be deemed to have violated this policy and will be subject to disciplinary action, including out-of-school suspension from school, to the same extent as if the student tested positive for the presence of alcohol or illegal chemical substances.

Other methods of determining use, intoxication, or under the influence may be used by police, medical, or school personnel.

The principal will notify students and parents of this policy on an annual basis. This policy will also be included in the student handbook and on posters placed in prominent locations at the entrance to school events where the breathalyzer tests will be used.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §24-102