

Lynchburg-Clay Drug Testing Policy

I. Rationale and Purpose

In an effort to promote the overall health and well-being of the student-athletes at Lynchburg-Clay High School, random testing for illegal drugs will be implemented at the high school level (grades 9-12). It is the belief of the Lynchburg-Clay School District that there is no such thing as responsible use of controlled substances/mood-altering chemicals by any student. Adolescent use is not only against the law, it jeopardizes the student's health and safety, and it inhibits the attainment of individual potential. Therefore, any use of controlled substances/mood-altering drugs by student athletes is prohibited. The purpose of this policy is to discourage student athletes from using drugs and alcohol; to provide students with the opportunity to become leaders in the student body for a drug free school; and to provide solutions for the student who does use drugs and alcohol.

II. Testing Procedure

A. All students who choose to participate in athletics will be subject to random drug testing.

Testing could take place during the school year.

1. 10% of *ALL* student athletes will be randomly chosen and tested at the high school by a representative from Highland District Hospital (HDH). No staff member at Lynchburg-Clay will be involved with the testing process.

a. The testing window for each athlete to be randomly tested will begin once the athlete and parent/guardian signs the drug testing policy. The testing window for each athlete will end once every athletic event for the current school year has been completed.

b. Student athletes that are randomly chosen for testing will follow the testing guidelines and procedures provided by the HDH representative.

2. If a student athlete tests positive, the HDH representative will contact Lynchburg-Clay's designated testing representative. Lynchburg-Clay's representative will then contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the athlete within twenty-four (24) hours of being notified by HDH of the positive test.

3. The athlete and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will then be required to contact HDH to set up a second test.

4. If the second test also produces a positive result, the athlete, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the school representative will meet to discuss the ramifications of the positive test.

B. Maintaining the privacy of student athlete will be of utmost importance during the testing process.

III. Disciplinary Actions for a Positive Test

A. The first offense for a positive test will result in removal from athletic participation until that particular season begins in the next school year (*see Section III:2 of Athletic Handbook*)

1. In order to be reinstated to play, the athlete must attend substance abuse counseling outside of the district and submit paperwork to the AD for verification. The District Social Worker will assist the athlete in finding suitable counseling services.

2. A second offense will be permanent expulsion from athletic participation.

B. The results of the tests shall not become part of the students' permanent record, but any documentation supporting a test based on reasonable suspicion shall be maintained in the

student's record. Test results will not be reported to law enforcement authorities, and test information will not be released to law enforcement or other parties except in response to a lawfully executed subpoena. In the latter case, parents will be notified within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of the subpoena. Likewise, this information shall only be released to persons designated in Board regulation and procedures.

IV. Other points of emphasis

1. Athletes cannot participate in an official sports practice until the testing consent form has been returned to the Head Coach of the particular sport the athlete is participating in.
2. Any student-athlete who refuses to take a test when randomly selected will be considered to have submitted a positive test.
3. Drugs that will be tested for include the following:
 - Marijuana, Cocaine, Amphetamines, Opioids, Phencyclidine (PCP)

**LYNCHBURG-CLAY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RANDOM DRUG TESTING
INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT (2020-21)**

Student Participant Name: _____ Grade: _____

AS A STUDENT:

-I understand and agree that participation in athletics is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Lynchburg-Clay Policy for Random Drug Testing of Student Participants.

-I have read the Policy and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to this Policy.

-I understand that I am subjected to random drug testing, and if I refuse, I will be denied participation in athletics for at least one calendar year. I have read the consent on the reverse of this form and agree to its terms.

-I understand this is binding while a student is enrolled at Lynchburg-Clay High School.

Student Signature

Date

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN:

-I have read the Policy and understand the responsibilities of my son/daughter/ward as a participant in athletics at Lynchburg-Clay High School.

-I understand that my son/daughter/ward, when participating in athletics may be subjected to random drug testing, and if he/she refuses, will not be allowed participate in athletics at Lynchburg-Clay. I have read the consent on the reverse of this form and agree to its terms.

-I understand this is binding while a student is enrolled Lynchburg-Clay High School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Phone

