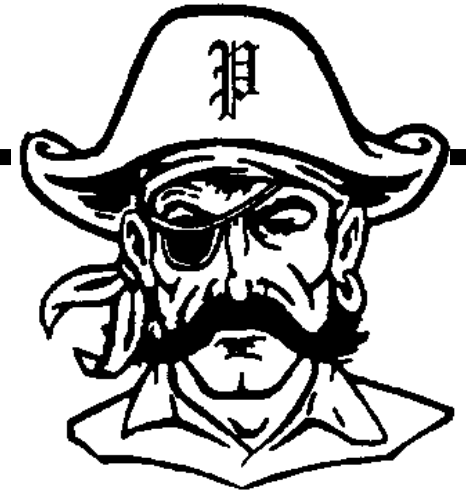


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The head coach of each athletic team, drill team, and cheerleaders will require the attendance of all prospective team members and custodial parent at a pre-season meeting. This program shall be explained to all such student athletes, and an education presentation shall be made in order to acquaint the student athletes with the harmful consequences of drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Pattonville School District shall pay for the testing done at its request but will not pay for any tests submitted by the student athlete, custodial parents, or guardian, and will not be required to pay for any counseling or subsequent treatment.
3. Pattonville School District also reserves the right to test any student athlete who at any time exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug or alcohol usage.
4. Apart from this drug testing program, the coaching staff of each interscholastic sport has its own training rules and requirements, which include prohibitions concerning use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Coaches have the necessary authority to enforce these rules. It is the purpose of this program to educate, help, and direct student athletes away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug free participation in sports.
5. Any student who is a participant in the School District of Pattonville interscholastic athletic program is considered a Pattonville athlete. Being an athlete at Pattonville is considered a privilege and not a right.

Pattonville School District Athletic Programs Sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association

Baseball
Basketball - Girls/Boys
Cheerleading
Cross Country - Girls/Boys
Football
Golf-Girls/Boys
Drill Team
Soccer - Girls/Boys
Softball
Swimming - Girls/Boys
Tennis - Girls/Boys
Track - Girls/Boys
Volleyball - Girls/Boys
Wrestling



Pattonville School District

Voluntary Drug Testing Program

—for—
Student Athletes
Cheerleaders
Drill Team

What is the Need?

Alcohol and drug abuse are serious problems in today's society, and schools are not immune to such problems. It is statistically predictable, and it is within our experience, that some student athletes have used alcohol and have experimented with "street drugs" such as marijuana and cocaine, or may do so during their middle and high school years. Also, some athletes may be attracted to use of so-called "performance enhancing" drugs, such as various steroids, in misguided efforts to increase their strength and endurance. We recognize that serious attention is being given to alcohol and drug abuse problems in private business and industry, government, schools, and in colleges throughout the country.

Can the Student Get in Trouble by Volunteering?

This education and testing program is intended as a helpful part of the overall physical and mental educational and conditioning programs of Pattonville. Its purpose is not disciplinary in nature, but rather is intended as a medical diagnostic aid in disclosing possible drug related problems and as an extension of our educational drug programs. Continuing drug usage obviously is inconsistent with participation in interscholastic athletics, and the program includes appropriate procedures for opening lines of communication with parents.

Must Students Participate?

The program is voluntary and is available to all interscholastic sports teams, including our drill teams and cheerleaders, male and female, and is intended for all student athletes who try out for or become members of any Pattonville High School interscholastic team.

Why Test Athletes?

Student athletes are respected and admired by a large segment of the student body of each school and, in order to participate in athletics, are expected to hold themselves good examples of conduct, sportsmanship and training, which includes avoiding drug and alcohol usage. It has been widely recognized that drug and alcohol usage can cause serious physical, mental, and emotional harm. A student athlete who uses drugs can be a danger to himself, his teammates or opponents. Student athletes are entitled to drug free participation by their teammates.

What are the Purposes of the Program?

This program became effective during the 1993-94 academic year. The purposes of the program are to prevent drug and alcohol usage, to educate student athletes and custodial parents or guardians to the serious physical, mental and emotional hurt caused by drug and alcohol abuse, to alert student athletes with possible drug problems to the potential harms, to prevent injury, illness, and harm as a result of drug and alcohol abuse, and to maintain at Pattonville High School, an athletic environment free of alcohol and drug abuse.

The program is not intended to be disciplinary or punitive in nature.

This program will not affect the policies, practices, or rights of the school in dealing with drug or alcohol possession or use where reasonable suspicion is obtained by means other than the random sampling provided herein.

Program Operation

1. All athletes and custodial parents guardians will complete a participation and consent card indicating whether or not they will participate. The card must be signed by custodial parent/guardian and athlete to be official.
2. The signed card will be returned to your school board designee (Activities Director) at the end of the drug test meeting. Every student must return a signed form.
3. Athletes saying yes to the program will be enrolled in the voluntary random testing program.
4. The names of the students participating in the program will be known only by the school board designee (Activities Director).
5. Students will be selected by screening, lottery style. Five to ten student numbers will be selected each week.
6. Students selected will be asked to come to the nurse's office to give the urine sample. The student will be given privacy when supplying the specimen.
7. The specimen will be picked up by the laboratory selected by the school district.
8. There will be no cost to participate.
9. The results of the test will be given only to the parents. If a test is negative or positive, there will be a letter sent to the custodial parent/guardian.
10. Neither the school nor the coach will know the results of the test. The test results will not be used for discipline or restrictions, and will not become part of the school record, or communicated to any other party.
11. The drug testing program will allow the student athlete to withdraw from participation at any time without consequence. Parent consent is required.