

Robbinsville High School Random Drug Testing Program

April 29, 2019



Important Info as of 4/29/2019

- The following slides refer to a first reading random drug testing policy and regulation for the Robbinsville BOE meeting on 4/29/2019.
- This policy, after discussion and questions raised at the BOE meeting, will go back to the board's Ed Policy committee, be tweaked, and submitted to the full board for 2nd reading and approval during the May 28, 2019 BOE meeting. Please note that some of the following information might be tweaked before the May BOE meeting.
- Copies of the policy and regulation (as well as FAQs) are posted on the district website.

National Statistics for Youth Drug Use

[Monitoring the Future Survey-2018 Results](#)



What is the Purpose of the Random Drug Testing Program?

- The implementation of a random drug testing program is for deterring drug use and to have an early detection system for students with drug problems.
- High Schools that implement a random drug and alcohol testing program experience an overall decrease in student drug and alcohol use (see our [FAQ link](#) for research information).

Who Will Be Included in the Drug-Testing Pool?

- Any student who participates in a privilege, i.e.:
 - Athletes
 - Extracurricular club members
 - Those who park on school grounds
- Those who **voluntarily** sign-up for the testing pool
- Per case law, school districts can only test students who have a “privilege” that goes beyond the regular school day or who voluntarily join the pool.

How Will the Tests Be Administered?

- Robbinsville will hire an outside contractor to conduct the tests.
- All eligible students will be placed in a confidential student database where up to 10% of the pool will be **randomly** chosen (by the outside contractor) at a given time to be tested.
- The randomly chosen students will be notified that day and asked to come to provide a urine sample that will be tested by the contracted lab company.

What Happens if a Student Tests Positive?

- The sample is tested again with a more comprehensive test.
- A Medical Review Officer provided by the contractor will call the parent to review all positive results.
- The test will be considered positive if illegal drugs or alcohol are present in the sample.
- Students who test positive and are taking prescribed medications will not be considered positive under this policy (proof of prescription will be required).
- Refusal to test counts as a positive result.

1st Positive Result Infraction

- The student will not be removed from any parking or extracurricular activity after the first positive result.
- He/she will be contacted by administration regarding assistance.
- The student will complete a minimum of 5 counseling sessions with Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC).
- Student will provide a minimum of 3 subsequent random drug tests after his/her initial positive result.
- Any test result indicating a relapse during this period will be considered a second positive result.

2nd Positive Result Infraction

- The student will be suspended from extracurriculars and parking for a period of 45 calendar days.
- Suspension will also include all BOE activities such as, but not limited to: attending athletic or fund-raising events, dances, senior trip, prom, and graduation activities.
- Student will complete a minimum of 10 counseling sessions with the SAC.
- Student will provide a minimum of 3 random drug tests after the initial positive test.
- Any positive result during this period will be considered an additional infraction.

3rd Positive Result Infraction

- The student will be suspended from participation on the team/activity/parking for a period of 365 calendar days.
- Suspension will also include all BOE activities such as, but not limited to: attending athletic or fund-raising events, dances, senior trip, prom, and graduation activities.
- Student will complete a minimum of 15 counseling sessions with the SAC.
- Student will provide a minimum of 3 random drug tests after the initial positive test.
- Any positive result during this period will be considered an additional infraction.

4th and Additional Positive Result Infractions

- The student will be suspended from participation on the team/activity/parking for a period of 365 calendar days.
- Suspension will also include all BOE activities such as, but not limited to: attending athletic or fund-raising events, dances, senior trip, prom, and graduation activities.
- Student will complete a minimum of 20 counseling sessions with the SAC.
- Student will provide a minimum of 3 random drug tests after the initial positive test.
- Any positive result during this period will be considered an additional infraction.
- Student will be referred to the Child Study Team for assessment.

Additional Note

- If determined appropriate by the SAC, the student may be referred to a licensed substance abuse treatment agency.
- Attendance in the rehabilitation program should begin within one week of a positive test result.
- An information release form must be made available to the SAC. The parent/guardians are responsible for the cost of the treatment program.
- Please see our policy and regulation for more detailed information.

Will There Be Academic Consequences?

- Students will NOT be penalized academically.
- Class time missed will be limited to the testing times and medical exam if a positive result is returned. All make-up work will be permitted.
- All results of drug and/or alcohol tests will not be documented in any student's academic or discipline records.
- Information regarding the results of drug tests will NOT be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities.

Prohibited Substances

- Alcohol/Ethanol
- Amphetamines
- Ecstasy/MDMA
- Cocaine
- Marijuana/THC
- Opiates
- PCP
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Propoxyphene
- Oxycodone
- Methaqualone

Note: This list will be reviewed annually.

Link to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

[FAQs about Random Drug Testing](#)

