

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY

CODE: 370.3

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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USE OF DRUG TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN CO/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Deerfield Board of Education has a strong and long-standing commitment to discouraging and preventing the use of illegal drugs and alcohol among its student population. The Board recognizes that the problem of illegal drug and alcohol abuse presents a continuing challenge in its schools, and a clear danger to the student population. Students, by virtue of their voluntary decision to pursue co/extracurricular opportunities, and because of their position as leaders and role models in the school community, have a heightened responsibility to be drug and alcohol free. Consistent with these principles, and in accordance with the guidance of the United States Supreme Court, it is the policy of the Deerfield Board of Education to “prevent students from using drugs, to protect their health and safety, and to provide drug users with assistance programs.” See Vernonia School Dist. 47J v. Acton, 115 S.Ct. 2386 (1995). Accordingly, the Board directs the District Administrator to implement and conduct a program of random drug testing of student “participants” meaning those involved in co/extracurricular activities.

Guidelines for random drug testing of student “participants” will be set in a procedure guideline developed by the District Administrator or designee. This Policy and Procedures shall be overseen and implemented by the District Administrator or designee.