

Testing Coordinator

The Smyth County Public Schools Nursing Coordinator will coordinate and supervise the testing program.

Eligibility for Testing

SCPS students in grades 8-12 who opt to participate in VHSL sanctioned activities (not required by the Board of Education for graduation) will be required to participate in the Pledge Program for Prohibited Substances in order to participate in their chosen activity. Pledge Students must submit a consent form immediately following the Student Pledge Program Parent/Guardian Meeting for their season or before their next practice following the Pledge Program Meeting in order to be eligible to participate in the activity.

Pledge Students remain eligible for Random Selection Prohibited Substance Testing from the date the consent form is submitted through the end of their sport season. If such a student ceases to participate or withdraws from the extracurricular activity, he or she will no longer be subject to Random Selection Prohibited Substance Testing associated with the Pledge Program, unless he or she remains a Pledged Student by virtue of being a student driver.

SCPS students who elect to drive to school and purchase a parking pass will be required to participate in Random Selection Prohibited Substance Testing as a condition of purchasing a parking pass. Student drivers must submit a consent form together with their application/payment for a parking pass. If a student driver elects to stop driving and surrenders their parking pass to building administration, he or she will no longer be subject to Random Selection Prohibited Substance Testing unless he or she remains a Pledged Student by virtue of participation in extracurricular activities.

All Pledged Students, like all SCPS students, remain subject to reasonable suspicion testing for Prohibited Substances, which may be conducted in a similar manner as outlined herein. Outcomes and consequences (for Verified Positive Results and for refusal to test or tampering) when reasonable suspicion testing is utilized will relate not just to extracurricular activity and/or driving privileges, but will result in school-based discipline as well.

Tested Substances

In administering the program, SCPS, through a third party administrator, will test for the presence of certain substances that may include, but are not limited to, the following substances or their metabolites: alcohol, marijuana (THC), synthetic cannabinoids, opiates, cocaine, methamphetamines, anabolic steroids and phencyclidine (aka PCP), MDMA(aka Ecstasy), and/or any other substance defined as a "controlled substance" by either state (Virginia) or federal law.

Selection of Pledged Students for Random Testing

- A Third Party Administrator (TPA) will be contracted to conduct all testing and will be responsible for the Random Selection and testing process. The TPA will be qualified and have written procedures for testing which ensure proper chain of custody, laboratory controls, and scientifically validated testing methods
- Testing will occur: