

# Morgan County Board of Education

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## Student Alcohol and Drug Testing

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1 Students will be notified in writing at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment that  
2 they shall be subject to testing for drugs and alcohol during the school year.<sup>1</sup> Principals are authorized  
3 to order drug tests for individual students when there is a reasonable cause to believe that:

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- 5 1. The school board policy on alcohol and drug use has been violated;
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- 7 2. A search of lockers produced evidence of the presence of drugs and/or alcohol;
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- 9 3. A search of persons and containers produced evidence of a presence of drug and/or alcohol;
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- 11 4. A search of vehicles produced evidence of the presence of drugs and/or alcohol; or
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- 13 5. Through observation or other reasonable information reported by a teacher, staff member or other  
14 student that a student is using drugs and/or alcohol on school property.

15 Upon receiving reasonable information, the principal shall take the following steps:

- 16 1. Call the student into the principal's office or another private place;
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- 18 2. Summon an appropriate witness to the proceeding and to assist in furtherance of the proceeding;
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- 20 3. Inform the student of the substance of the information available to him/her which is the basis for  
21 the determination that a test is necessary;
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- 23 4. Inform the student of the procedures which shall be followed in administering the test;
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- 25 5. Give the student an opportunity to decline the test and inform the student that if the test is not taken  
26 the penalty shall be suspension from school and a hearing before the disciplinary hearing authority;
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- 28 6. Notify the parent or guardian of the student of the impending test.
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30 The appropriate witness shall take the student to a designated place in the school and collect a specimen  
31 from the student. The specimen shall be taken in a manner which will protect the privacy rights of the  
32 students and which will assure that the integrity of the specimen itself is not compromised.

33 The type of specimen taken shall depend on the substance in question and the test performed on the specimen  
34 shall be appropriate for accurate detection of the substance in question. Once taken, the principal shall  
35 give the specimen an identifying number which in no way will reveal the identity of the student.

36 The principal will forward the specimen for analysis to a laboratory accredited by the Tennessee Department  
37 of Health and Environment and designated by the Board.  
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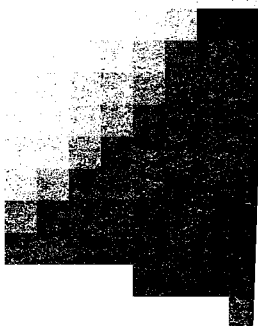
1 Upon receiving a written, certified copy of the analysis from the laboratory, the principal shall do one of  
the following:

- 4 1. If the results of the analysis are negative, all evidence of the individual test, including all records  
5 in the school that the test was ordered and the reasons therefore, shall be destroyed.
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- 7 2. If the results of the analysis are positive, the student and parents or guardian shall be given  
8 the written notice of the result. In addition, they shall receive referral information which shall  
9 include in-patient, out-patient, and community-based drug and alcohol treatment programs.
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11 In the case of positive results of the analysis, the principal shall suspend the student and refer the matter  
12 to the disciplinary hearing authority for further action.

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