

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION PACKET  
FOR PARENTS  
ABOUT THE POWER TO DREAM PROGRAM**

– People Overcoming With Enough Resistance –

– Drugs Ruin Education and Minds –

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS**

1. If you want to authorize and make it possible for your child to participate in the voluntary “Extracurricular Activities” offered by the school (which are **athletics, cheerleading, clubs, prom, special school trips and parking a motor vehicle on school property during school or attending after hours school functions**), you must sign and date the attached *CONSENT FORM ALLOWING STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND FOR DRUG TESTING* (“Consent Form”) and promptly return it to the school. This Consent Form also allows your child to be drug and/or alcohol tested. Your child will not be permitted to participate in these above-listed “Extracurricular Activities” unless the attached Consent Form is signed, dated and returned to the school.
2. If your child will not be participating in any of these “Extracurricular Activities” listed above, you still have the option to allow your child to participate in the **POWER TO DREAM** program. This can be done by your signing, dating and returning to the school the attached Consent Form, which will authorize the school to drug test your child (this will be “random” testing, where all students subject to testing are placed in a “pool” where they are **randomly** and **anonymously** selected for drug testing on a regular basis).

**DEAR PARENTS: THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STAND IN THE FIGHT TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN IN MORGAN COUNTY FROM DRUGS, AND FOR ALLOWING YOU CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POWER TO DREAM PROGRAM.**

## **THINGS EVERY PARENT WILL WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE POWER TO DREAM DRUG PROGRAM...**

1. When being drug tested, your child will be treated with the utmost respect, dignity and confidentiality.
2. No local or “on-site” analysis of drug tests will be done for non-suspicion based. All non-suspicion based testing of urine specimens will be taken by an independent company that will package them in tamper-proof containers and send them to a licensed, independent medical laboratory (although breathalyzer or similar tests for alcohol may be locally analyzed and determined on school site).
3. If your child tests “positive” for drugs or alcohol, as the parent or legal guardian, you will be the first to be notified. A copy of your child’s lab report will be available to you, if you request it.
4. If your child tests “positive” for drugs, then drug education and/or counseling will be required and provided for your child.
5. If your child tests “positive” for drugs, you or your child will have the guaranteed right, if you choose, (1) to arrange for a “second” drug test from the program’s testing facility, at your own expense and within 24 hours of notification of positive test, and request that the “second” drug test be considered in place of or along with the first school test, if you question the accuracy of the school drug tests, and (2) if you allow your child’s private **POWER TO DREAM** information to be heard by the AGHA panel, the right to contest any drug test, or present any of your other complaints, grievances or recommendations about the **POWER TO DREAM** program or procedures to the *Appeals and Grievance Hearing Authority (AGHA)*, which is a panel of Morgan County citizens from all parts of the county, who are not associated with the school system. If your child appeals a drug test or presents a grievance to the AGHA, your child will have the option of having four high school students on the AGHA panel along with the adult members of the AGHA panel.
6. If, after being drug tested, your child’s lab report reveals prescription medications, the director will discuss this with you. As long as you have prescriptions for your child, or a physician’s letter verifying that your child has been prescribed these medications, and these prescriptions or physician’s letter are immediately made available to the director at his/her request, these medications will present no problems for your child. If you prefer, you may provide a list of your child’s medications to the program director or school nurse, before your child is drug tested. Preferably you should provide this information to the school nurse.
7. Positive test results, counseling records, or any other parts of the **POWER TO DREAM** drug program containing your child’s name (except for Consent or Cancellation Forms received from parents, which will be maintained in the Central School Office and will NEVER become a part of your child’s permanent record, and will be forever and fully destroyed within 45 days of your child’s graduation or permanent leaving of the participating school systems.
8. You have the right to cancel (sometimes called “revoke”) your parental consent to drug test your child, if you do so in writing and you (not your child) hand-deliver the Cancellation Form to the program director, principal or assistant principal. However, cancellation of your consent to drug testing will require your child’s immediate removal from participation in “extracurricular activities”.
9. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the program director and/or your child’s school principal.

### **MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE POWER TO DREAM PROGRAM**

To treat students with fundamental fairness, always respecting their privacy, dignity and confidentiality.