

School Town of Speedway

Board Policy on Student Drug Testing Based Upon Reasonable Suspicion

The Board of Education believes that maintaining an environment that is safe, free from substance use/abuse, and conducive to learning is an important goal for the School Corporation and the community. The Board recognizes its responsibility to address drug and alcohol problems in the schools. The Board believes that the parent(s) and the school must work together to educate, encourage and support students in an attempt to prevent their illegal use of drugs and alcohol. The Board believes that parents want to know when their children are using drugs or alcohol.

The Board of Education authorizes Speedway Schools to require any student to submit to a chemical test of the student's breath, saliva, and/or urine on the basis of "reasonable suspicion" (as defined below) that the student is using or is under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any other illegal substance (as defined by Indiana law) while:

- On school grounds immediately before, during, and immediately after school hours and at any other time when a school group is using the school.
- Off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event: or
- Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.

Reasonable suspicion may arise from the following:

- A student's behavior, physical appearance, and/or odor, indicating the possible use or influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance.
- A student's possession of drug paraphernalia, alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance.
- Information communicated to an administrator by a teacher, parent, law enforcement personnel, other adult, or a student indicating a student is using, possessing, or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any other illegal substance. (Any such report will be investigated by the administration and will be substantiated by other indicators of reasonable suspicion, if deemed necessary.)

A student who refuses to submit to a chemical test requested on the basis of reasonable suspicion will be considered to be in violation of the Speedway School rules against illegal drug and alcohol use. If a student is tested based upon reasonable suspicion and the student tests positive for any substance for which the test is designed to screen, that student will be considered to be in violation of the Speedway School rules against illegal drug and alcohol use. A student determined to be in violation of the Speedway School rules against illegal drug and alcohol use shall be suspended from school for up to ten days and may be recommended for expulsion from school for up to one school year.

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