

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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227-AR-4. REASONABLE SUSPICION OF DRUG TESTING OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

Based on observable behavior or symptoms, if a school staff member has a reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the staff member will report the incident to the building principal. The principal will escort the student to the school nurse's office for an examination that may include checking the student for abnormal vital signs.

Based on observable behavior; medical symptoms; vital signs; or other factors, if a building principal has a reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the principal may require the student to submit to substance abuse testing. The testing may include, but is not limited to, the analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or the administration of a Breathalyzer test.

If a principal requires a student to submit to substance abuse testing, the testing will be conducted in the following manner:

1. The principal will attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian prior to the student being tested.
2. Testing will be conducted by a medical professional or a clinic with appropriate testing facilities approved by the district. The student's parent/guardian may exercise the right to choose a different medical professional or clinic to administer the test within the time limit set by the district. If the parent/guardian chooses a different medical professional or clinic than the one chosen by the district, the parent/guardian will pay for the costs of the testing.
3. Testing will be conducted in a reasonable manner, using a method that takes into account the factors of the student's age and sex and the degree of intrusiveness involved in collecting a sample for testing.
4. The results of substance abuse testing will be released only to the student, student's parent/guardian, and appropriate district administrators to include the building principal, for the purpose of providing counseling and/or taking appropriate disciplinary action.