

# 598 GENERAL STUDENT POPULATION AND ATHLETIC POLICY REGARDING DRUGS

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the school district's right to test students for use of drugs (i.e., steroids, alcohol, etc.).

## II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. It is the intention of the school district to follow the Minnesota State High School League rules as they exist and pertain to the use of drugs. (As names are given to the school district from reliable sources, an investigation will take place through the Principal and Activities Director offices. A determination may result in dropping the charges or following the Minnesota State High School League rules in regard to distribution of penalty.)

B. Because of the difficulty in determining the use of many drugs, the administration may, from time to time, ask students to submit to drug testing. Parents will be notified before testing is done. If a student or parent refuse testing, the student will be removed from all student activities for a time period of not less than one calendar year (365 days from the date of infraction). (Because Minnesota State High School League penalties, in most cases, are less than one year, it is felt that this would entice students who are on drugs to take the test to receive less of a penalty.)

C. In compliance with state law, smoking, drinking or the use of controlled substances is not allowed anywhere in the building, school grounds, or on school-sponsored trips. Testing for drugs/smoking/alcohol may include smelling of a student's breath, the use of a "breathalyzer" by school or law enforcement personnel, or the use of various tests.

D. Athletes who are suspected to be using steroids, either by testimony or by dramatic bodily physical change may be subject to an unannounced drug test provided by the school district. Students who test positive for steroid usage will be subject to the penalties noted above.

E. The consequences of the use of illegal drugs and other non-prescription chemicals (including possession or prior consumption) are listed in the Dover-Eyota High School Student Handbook that is reviewed and adopted by the school board on an annual basis. All smoking, alcohol and drug incidents will also be subject to MSHSL rules and regulations.

F. A copy of the complete policy will be available on the website.