

Bradley County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students	Descriptor Code: 6.3071	Issued Date: 12/09/09
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Students enrolling in the schools in the Bradley County School System are subject to testing for drugs and
2 alcohol pursuant to local board policy.¹

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4 School administrators are authorized to order drug tests for individual students. The reasons for ordering
5 a test may include:

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- 7 1. A reasonable indication that the school's policy on alcohol and drug use has been violated;
- 8 2. The smell of alcohol or marijuana smoke about the student;
- 9 3. Evidence found as a result of a search of lockers;
- 10 4. Evidence found as a result of a search of persons or containers;
- 11 5. Evidence found as a result of a search of vehicles;
- 12 6. Observed or reported use of drugs by the student on school property; OR
- 13 7. Other reasonable information received from a teacher, staff member or other student.
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15 Upon reasonable information received by the administrator of suspected drug or alcohol use in a Bradley
16 County school, the administrator shall take the following steps:

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- 18 1. Call the student into his/her office or another private place;
- 19 2. Summon the school guidance counselor or school nurse to the proceeding and to assist in furtherance
20 of the proceeding;
- 21 3. Inform the student of the substance of the information available to him/her which is the basis for the
22 determination that a test is necessary, and the procedures for such test;
- 23 4. Give the student an opportunity to decline the test and inform of the penalties if the test is declined;
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- 25 5. Notify the student's parent or guardian of the impending test.
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27 The school administrator shall then direct that the guidance counselor or nurse take the student to a des-
28 ignated place in the school and collect a specimen from the student for the purpose of testing. Specimens
29 shall be taken in a manner which will protect the privacy rights of the student. Specimens shall be col-
30 lected in a manner which will assure that the integrity of the specimen itself is not compromised. The type
31 of specimen taken shall depend on the substance in question. The tests performed on the specimen shall
32 be most appropriate for accurate detection of the substance in question.

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34 Once taken, the specimen will be given an identifying number by the administrator. The identifying num-
35 ber shall in no way reveal the identity of the student. The administrator will then toward the specimen to
36 a laboratory accredited by the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment and designated by the
37 Bradley County school system for analysis.

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39 Upon completion of the analysis, the laboratory will provide a written certified copy of the analysis to the
40 principal of the school. The results shall not be obtained verbally in person or by telephone.

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All specimens sent to the laboratory shall be kept for at least ten (10) days in the event that further analysis is requested. If the results of the analysis are negative, all evidence of the individual test, including all records in the school that the test was ordered, and reasons therefore, shall be destroyed.

Upon notification that the results of the analysis are positive, the student and parents or guardian shall be given notice of the result in writing. The student and parents or guardian shall be given referral information which shall include inpatient, outpatient and community-based drug and alcohol treatment programs.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the Bradley County school system from enforcing disciplinary sanctions available to it under other sections of the Tennessee Code.

Legal Reference:

- 1. TCA 49-6-4213