

Random Drug Testing: Frequently Asked Questions

NBC will have the first draw of drug testing in the month of September of each school year and have roughly two test dates per month.

- Why is the district only testing students in extra-curricular activities? Students are required by law to attend school. Extra-curricular activities are a privilege and students are not required to participate; therefore, schools have a right to test only those participants in activities.
- Why now? North Bend Central want to keep the students of our community safe and provide them with a legitimate reason to refuse drugs and alcohol when faced with peer pressure. NBC also wants to encourage students who are using drugs and alcohol to find a reason to abstain. The overall objective is to help students make good life decisions which will hopefully impact them long after graduating from NBC.
- What other schools have drug testing? Many schools across Nebraska adopted drug testing within the past ten years. Some schools North Bend Central competes with that are currently utilizing drug-testing for extracurricular programs include the following: Wahoo, Cedar Bluffs, Stanton, Schuyler, Central City, Yutan, Boone Central, and Columbus Scotus.
- What will happen if a student test positive? Students will be disciplined in the same manner as the consequences in the Code of Conduct found in the NBC Student Handbook. If a student self-reports and agrees to enroll and complete a drug/alcohol program, they will miss the next activity scheduled to participate in. NBC's purpose is not to make a public mockery of the student, rather, to educate them on the dangers of drugs/alcohol and assist in changing their path to a more positive lifestyle. Second offense, the punishment is increased to a much greater extent as referenced in the Code of Conduct.
- Who will be doing the testing? NBC partnered with Sports Safe to provide all testing services. Sports Safe will provide NBC a random list of participants to test each testing session. Sports Safe will provide a nurse from outside the NBC staff to collect the samples and send to the laboratory. Sports Safe will first notify parents if a positive sample is collected. Quest Diagnostic or Medtox Laboratories may also be used if a parent wishes to contest the initial results of the testing.
- How many students will test each session? The amount of students testing may vary throughout the school year, but roughly 12 high school students and 4 MS students
- Do you have to be in activities to have your students in the random pool? No, parents may sign their student up whether they participate in extra-curricular activities or not.
- And, finally: This is a program we believe has had a positive impact on our students and our school district. For additional information, please contact Mr. Baehr at the high school at 402.652.3268. Let's keep Building Success Together!