

## Students

### **Random Drug Testing**

The Board of Education recognizes that students in Sterling Community Unit School District 5, like many other school districts, have engaged in the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and controlled substances. Therefore, for the safety and health of Unit 5 students, for the confidence of the community, and to promote drug-free lives during school years, Unit 5 has established a drug education and testing program for use by middle and high school students participating in co-curricular activities.

The purpose of the program is to prevent tobacco, drug, and alcohol usage; to educate students as to the serious physical, mental, and emotional harm caused by tobacco, drug, and alcohol abuse; to prevent injury, illness, and harm as a result of tobacco, drug, and alcohol abuse; and to maintain an environment free of tobacco, drug, and alcohol use. The program is intended to help our students develop a pattern of healthy lifestyle choices. Students who participate in co-curricular activities represent the school district. Their participation is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, consent to testing is a condition of practice for and participation in all co-curricular activities.

An annual report on the status of the drug testing program shall be submitted to the Board of Education.

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