

**EASTERN
WESTMORELAND
CAREER &
TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: VOLUNTARY DRUG
SCREENING PROGRAM

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	<p style="text-align: center;">227.1. VOLUNTARY DRUG SCREENING PROGRAM</p> <p>1. Authority The use of controlled substances and alcohol represent a health and safety risk to all center students. That risk is heightened by the fact that center students regularly use dangerous tools and equipment. The Joint Operating Committee acknowledges the constitutional privacy rights of students under the United States and Pennsylvania constitutions. In order to promote the health and safety of center students while at the same time respecting students' privacy, the Joint Operating Committee establishes a voluntary drug screening program, hereinafter VDSP.</p> <p>The VDSP is a voluntary program. This program differs from mandatory testing in that it is completely voluntary, with all results released only to the student's parents/guardian and the student.</p> <p>2. Delegation Of Responsibility The Administrative Director shall select a properly certified provider to administer the drug screenings and notification under this policy. Any agreements with a provider must be presented to and approved by the Joint Operating Committee. The Administrative Director and designees shall establish any necessary guidelines for the implementation of this policy.</p> <p>3. Guidelines <u>Program Overview</u></p> <p>Participation in the program is completely voluntary. There shall be no direct or indirect conditions placed upon students to encourage participation in the program.</p> <p>Participation in the Voluntary Drug Screening Program shall require parent/guardian consent or the consent of the student if eighteen (18) years of age or older. Consent must be given by the signing of a written consent and release form developed for that purpose.</p> <p>The consent and release form must describe the type of test to be performed as well as those items to be identified in the drug screening analysis. Testing may include the assay of a specimen for signs of possible adulteration.</p>
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<p>Pol. 216</p>	<p>Collection for testing shall be limited to urinalysis and will be performed on a random basis throughout the school year.</p> <p>Collections will take place at the center. Collections will be done in private by certified urine drug screening technicians and certified breath alcohol technicians in compliance with the standards required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.</p> <p>Other than arranging the private locations for collection and privately notifying the student to be tested, center employees shall not in any way participate in the collection or testing of specimens.</p> <p>Participation in the VDSP will be completely confidential within the center, with only the minimum number of employees necessary to administer the program having knowledge of the students who are participating.</p> <p>The privacy requirements of HIPAA and FERPA shall be strictly observed.</p> <p>Testing under the VDSP shall be free of charge to the participating students and their parents/guardians.</p> <p>Test results shall be forwarded directly to the parent/guardian or the student, if eighteen (18) years of age or older. Neither the center nor the home school district may receive any test results. Test results are strictly confidential and will be reported only by the agency appointed by the Joint Operating Committee to administer the program.</p> <p>Should the parent/guardian choose to inform the center of test results, the center may provide appropriate services and recommendations for outside services.</p> <p>Under no circumstances may information obtained as a result of participation in VDSP be used in any manner to discipline or penalize a student.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1850.1

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations –
34 CFR Part 99

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Title 45, Code of Federal
Regulations – 45 CFR Part 160

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