

**STUDENT DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING
CONSENT FORM**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT

Participation in school sponsored interscholastic extra-curricular activities and permission to drive to school and park on campus in Mecklenburg County Schools is a privilege. Activity Students carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents, and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs and alcohol. Students who elect to drive a privately owned vehicle to and from school and park on school property also carry an added accountability for the safe operation of a vehicle while on school property.

Drug or alcohol use of any kind is incompatible with the physical, mental, and emotional demands placed upon participants in interscholastic extra-curricular activities and upon the positive image these students project to other students and to the community on behalf of Mecklenburg County Schools. For the safety, health, and well-being of students who drive to school and/or participate in interscholastic extra-curricular activities in Mecklenburg County Schools, the County has adopted the attached **Student Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy** and the "Student Drug & Alcohol Testing Consent Form" for use by all participating students at the middle & high school level.

**Participation in
Extra-Curricular Activities or Driving to School**

Each Activity Student and Driving Student shall be provided with a copy of the **Student Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy** and "Student Drug & Alcohol Testing Consent Form" which shall be read, signed and dated by the student, parent or custodial guardian, and coach/sponsor before such student shall be eligible to practice or participate in any interscholastic activities or before issuance of a driving/parking pass.

The Opt-in Participant and parent or custodial guardian shall also consent to read and sign a consent form.

The consent shall be to provide a saliva sample:

1. As chosen by the random selection basis, and
2. At any time requested based on reasonable suspicion to be tested for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any activity, governed by the policy, or drive to school unless the student has returned the properly signed "Student Drug & Alcohol Testing Consent Form."

