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Sports Physicals for 2010-2011

TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL POTENTIAL ATHLETES

On June 9, 2010, Wapakoneta High School will be holding its annual sports physicals. Please note that if your son/daughter wishes to participate in athletics for Wapakoneta City Schools (Grades 7-12) they **MUST** have a physical on file with the school prior to participating in any athletic activity sponsored by the school. In accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, each student must have a physical EVERY year in order to participate in athletics, and this will be the only opportunity Wapakoneta City Schools will offer physicals for our students. Forms are available in the middle school and high school offices and must be returned at the time of physical with all necessary information completed. This screening is completely free due in large part to the generosity of Lincoln Family Practice, Auglaize Family Practice, and Dr. Jose.

Please note that the Wapakoneta Board of Education has approved random drug testing for our student athletes, pep band, show choir, and red peppers members for the 2010-2011 school year. In this packet, you will find information regarding this procedure and testing will begin with the fall sports in 2010.

Schedule for June 9, 2010 Sports Physicals

ALL STUDENTS MUST ENTER THE WEST DOORS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

- 5:00 Junior Girls
- 5:15 Junior Boys
- 5:30 Sophomore Girls
- 5:45 Sophomore Boys
- 6:00 Freshmen Girls
- 6:15 Freshmen Boys
- 6:30 Eighth Grade Girls
- 6:45 Eighth Grade Boys
- 7:00 7th Grade Boys and Girls (Grade 8 2010-2011 school year)
- 7:15 6th Grade Boys and Girls (Grade 7 2010-2011 school year)
- 7:30 Anyone who missed their scheduled time

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the athletic office.

Sincerely,

Bradley R. Rex
Athletic Director

WARNING!

Improper use of anabolic steroids may cause serious or fatal health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, growth deformities, infertility, personality changes, severe acne and baldness.

Possession, sale or use of anabolic steroids without a valid prescription is a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment.

Policy for Random Urine Drug Testing of Wapakoneta City School District Students

OVERVIEW

The procedure for possible initial and random drug testing of students in all athletic related extra-curriculars including cheerleading in grades 8-12, pep band, show choir, and Red Peppers grades 8-12 is accomplished in conjunction with an independent drug testing Vendor selected by the Board of Education. The Vendor is provided by the Designated Official a list of eligible students and in turn randomly selects up to 20% of these students for drug testing at regular intervals. The Vendor will send qualified collectors to the school who will oversee the collection of all specimens as outlined in this document. The Vendor will provide Medical Review Officer (MRO) services for interpretation and verification of results. Results are reported to the Building Principal or Designated Official by the MRO. Specimens are collected as split specimens.

1. A STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE

Recognizing that observed and suspected use of alcohol and illicit drugs by school students is a serious concern (please see appendix A), a program of deterrence will be instituted as a pro-active approach to a truly drug free school. Likewise, students using drugs pose a threat to their own safety, as well as to that of other students. The purpose of this program is fourfold:

- (1) to provide for the safety of all Students;
- (2) to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for Students to refuse to use illegal drugs;
- (3) to encourage Students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs; and
- (4) prevent the impact drug and alcohol use has on the learning centers of the brain allowing students to achieve their full academic potential while a student within Wapakoneta City Schools.

The program is non-punitive. It is designed to create a safe, drug free, environment for Students and assist them in getting help when needed.

2. SUPPORTING DATA

a. Random urine drug testing of a public school is legal as determined by the United States Supreme Court in the cases:

1. *Veronia School Distr. 47J v. Acton*, 515 U.S. 646 (1995)
2. *Board of Education of Independent School Dist. No. 92 of Pottawatomie Cty. V. Earls*, 356 U.S. 822 (2002).

b. Have suspended nine students this year for drug/alcohol offenses

c. Pictures of students partaking in alcoholic activities, which have been presented to us by local law enforcement as well as parents, through print media and social networking sites

