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The Lynchburg City School Board believes that the use of alcohol or other drugs by students who participate in interscholastic athletics presents a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the student athlete. Therefore, the use of such substances by student-athletes will not be permitted. The School Board encourages students to participate in school-sponsored interscholastic athletics but believes the opportunity to participate is not an absolute right but a privilege offered to eligible students on an equal opportunity basis. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program, the student must agree to submit to a physical examination, including drug analysis. Team members must agree to random drug testing throughout the season; a parent or guardian must also signify agreement with this policy.

The purpose of this policy is to better assure the student's health and physical fitness to participate in athletics and not to provide a means which may be used to punish a student athlete through suspension from school or other disciplinary actions affecting instruction. Substantiation of the use of illegal substances will temporarily or permanently render an athlete ineligible for interscholastic athletics. The status of ineligibility will be determined by the number of substantiated violations of the drug testing policy. Accordingly, the results of any drug test administered under this policy shall be used only for determination of eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics.

The results of any test administered under the terms of this policy shall be kept confidential and disclosed only to the student athlete, his/her parents or guardians, and school officials designated by the superintendent. The results of the testing shall be used only as provided for in the accompanying regulation.

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