

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROHIBITION OF STEROID USE

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Definitions:

The term "Anabolic Steroids" is defined as the controlled substances listed or to be listed by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name, or designated trade name as classified in Section 4 (3) (vii) of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, Act of April 14, 1972, P.L. 233, as amended, 35 P.S. 780-104 (3) (vii). This term shall not include Human Growth Hormone (HGH).

"Involved in a school related athletic activity" is defined as participation as a player, coach, assistant, trainer, manager, or cheerleader in any practice session, game, match, meet or tournament involving an interscholastic athletic team representing any school in the District. The term also includes participation in any intramural athletic program operated by the District.

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No student involved in a school related athletic activity shall use anabolic steroids, whether with or without prescription, except for a valid medical purpose. For the purposes of this policy, body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength, or the enhancement of athletic ability is not a "valid medical purpose."

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Any student found in violation of this policy shall be penalized as follows:

- a. Upon a first violation, suspension from school for 10 days and suspension from all school related activities including athletics for 90 school days.
- b. For a second violation, suspension from school for 10 days and suspension from all school related activities including athletics for one calendar year and referral to the Board for an expulsion hearing.

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In addition to the penalties set forth above, no pupil found in violation of this policy shall be eligible to resume participation in a school related athletic activity unless he or she has provided medical evidence that there is no residual evidence of anabolic steroids in his or her body. Where appropriate, the Board may require participation in a drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other program as a condition of reinstatement into a school related athletic activity.

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