

School District to Begin Randomly Drug Testing High School Students



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A school district in Clark County, Indiana, will soon be randomly drug testing students who want to [participate](#) in extracurricular activities like sports, band, and driving to school.

“Henryville High School and Borden High School will randomly select ten students each quarter and test them for ten drugs that teenagers are most likely to use,” local ABC 13 [reported](#).

“If students test positive, they will be ineligible for one-third of scheduled extracurricular activities after the first offense.”

“After the third offense, the student will become ineligible for the rest of their high school career.”

While some parents support the new policy and hope it will discourage students from bringing drugs to school, others, like Lance Leach, feel it is too invasive. *“There has to be a reasoning, and you have to talk to a parent beforehand,”* he said. *“Like suspicious behavior or they got caught doing something, then maybe, but not just random drug testing.”*

The ACLU agrees. The civil liberties organization has long fought against drug testing in schools. In 1998, the organization [attempted](#) to challenge drug testing for after school activities in Indiana schools, but the Supreme Court refused to hear their arguments. The following year, they challenged an Oklahoma school district, arguing in that case, the after school activities were directly linked with coursework throughout the normal day, and that drug testing infringed on students’ *“right to a public education, as well as of the Fourth Amendment protection against illegal search and seizure,”* the New York Times reported at the time.

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