

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: **Drug and Alcohol Testing and Record Query – Transportation Personnel**

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POLICY

The District is committed to the establishment of a drug use and alcohol misuse prevention program that meets all applicable requirements of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (OTETA). The District or its transportation provider shall have an in-house drug and alcohol testing program or be a member of a consortium that provides testing that meets the federal regulations, and shall annually certify this information to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The District or its transportation provider shall comply with the reporting and pre-employment and annual query requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Accordingly, all employees subject to commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements shall be prohibited from:

1. The use of drugs, unless a written prescription from a licensed doctor or osteopath is provided, including a statement advising that the substance does not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle;
2. The use of alcohol including:
 - a. While on duty;
 - b. Eight (8) hours before driving, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules;
 - c. Eight (8) hours following an accident;
 - d. Consumption resulting in prohibited levels of alcohol in the system.

"Drugs" as used in this policy refers to controlled substances covered by the OTETA, including marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and phencyclidine (PCP).

All covered individuals offered employment with the District and District employees transferring to positions subject to the OTETA shall be required to submit to pre-employment drug testing and a pre-employment query with FMCSA. Additionally, covered employees will be subject to reasonable suspicion, random and post-accident alcohol and drug testing. Return to duty and follow-up testing may also be required.

Pre-employment drug testing costs will be paid for by the District. All drug and alcohol testing of District employees, including reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty and follow-up testing costs, as applicable, will be paid for by the District. A fee associated with a pre-employment query requested by the District from FMCSA will be paid by the District. The District will comply with collective bargaining agreement provisions.

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All offers of employment or transfer to covered positions with the District will be made contingent upon testing results and information obtained from a query with FMCSA. An individual who tests positive for drugs will not be hired or transferred.¹ The offer of employment or transfer will be immediately withdrawn.

An offer of employment or transfer will also be immediately withdrawn from any individual who refuses drug testing and/or refuses to give consent for a query with FMCSA.

Covered employees who, under the District's reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty or follow-up testing program, test positive for drugs or test with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher, will be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to and including a recommendation for dismissal in accordance with Board policy. Employees who refuse to comply with testing requirements will also be regarded as testing positive for drugs or testing with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher. Notification of available resources for evaluation and treatment will be made as required by law. Additionally, employees may be subject to CDL prohibitions and penalties under the OTETA and applicable FMCSA regulations. Covered employees who refuse consent for a query with FMCSA when required will be removed from safety-sensitive functions.

REPORTS

See Policy [GBCBA - Drug and Alcohol Abuse by Employees](#)

ATTACHMENTS

None.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 657.176](#)
[ORS 825.415](#)
[ORS 825.418](#)
[OAR 581-053-0220\(3\)\(h\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(t\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0420\(4\)\(b\)\(B\)\(ii\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0430\(13\),\(14\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(12\),\(13\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0615\(2\)\(c\)\(D\)\(ii\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0620\(1\)\(d\)](#)

Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, 49 U.S.C. §§ 31301-31317 (2012); 49 C.F.R. Parts 40, 382, 391-395 (2019).

¹ The District may elect to allow an individual who tests positive for drugs or tests with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher to reapply for District employment or transfer to a covered position at a later date. At that time, the individual will again be tested for the presence of drugs, if required by the District. A District employee considered for transfer to an OTETA-covered position who tests positive for drugs or tests with a breath alcohol content level of 0.02 or higher will be subject to all District policies and regulations including the District's Drug-Free Workplace policy.