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## SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY & CONTRACT (Adopted 6/17/02)

The Board of Life Pointe Church and the Woodland Christian Schools Board have developed the following Substance Abuse Policy to aid in the battle against drug and alcohol abuse. The Consequences of occasional substance abuse can be so serious that Woodland Christian Schools has chosen this proactive agreement to encourage students to avoid substance abuse. Since many students drive themselves and others to and from school and off-campus for lunch, as well as participate in potentially hazardous science lab activities, physically challenging P.E. classes, and/or interscholastic sports, this policy has been adopted to protect the health and safety of all students.

- Unfounded rumors about substance abuse are destructive to students. This policy provides a means of defusing unfounded rumors.
- Substance abuse testing provides a means of resolving the issues surrounding accusations of substance abuse.
- The policy provides students and parents with the confidence that WCS is doing everything possible to provide a safe and caring Christ-centered educational environment. This partnership between WCS and parents encourages the few students who may consider abusing substances to more likely refuse temptation.
- This agreement gives parents, and WCS, the opportunity to provide guidance, and accountability for the few students who need, and will receive, corrective guidance.
- During the enrollment process, students who have a history of substance abuse problems are less likely to choose to attend WCS since abuse testing will require accountability.

### Policy:

Parental and student consent and agreement to the following policy is required as a condition of enrollment or re-enrollment at Woodland Christian Schools.

Students shall be required by the school administration to submit to the substance abuse testing:

1. if the Woodland Christian Schools administration determines in its sole discretion that a drug test may be appropriate.
2. for admission or re-enrollment, if the administration suspects that the student may have a history of substance abuse. (This policy is in effect at all times while the student is enrolled at WCS. Failure of either the parents or students to consent to testing is grounds for dismissal.)

Before the test is performed, students who have been or are presently taking prescription medication shall provide either a copy of the prescription or a physician's written verification of this fact. Such substance abuse testing shall be at the expense of Woodland Christian School for the initial test. Any required follow-up tests shall be at the expense of the student or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) at a facility selected and approved by WCS. Confidentiality and follow-up testing are required to ensure privacy and reliability when a testing report is positive. The school administration may only discuss positive test results with those who must be informed to provide needed direction during the course of the student's educational experience at WCS. A "need to know" only basis in regard to positive substance abuse testing is to be maintained by school personnel. The school may not publish any results of testing and is not to discuss the results with non-related parents, other students, faculty or staff except on a "need to know" basis. Confirmed positive results from substance abuse testing, after follow-up testing is requested, will result in immediate prohibition of all extra-curricular participation, including athletics. The student will also be referred to the school administration for follow-up in regard to his/her status as a student at WCS.

Prior to enrollment, each student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to provide written authorization and consent for testing. Failure of either the students or parents to consent to testing is grounds for refusing admission to WCS. The police will be contacted by WCS if any illegal substances are found at school, or in the possession of a student.

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY CONTRACT

Recognizing that Woodland Christian School is proactive in working to keep illegal substance abuse from entering the lives of our students, we the undersigned do consent to follow the schools drug testing policy as outlined in the policy.

We also realize that if any additional tests, after the initial one, are necessary, the student's family will be responsible to pay for them. If there is any litigation involving this policy, the student's family will be financially responsible for any legal fees that Woodland Christian School may incur.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature of Student

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Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\* Please sign and return this contract at your earliest convenience. \*\***  
This signed contract will be kept on file in the student's school folder.