

# CHS STUDENT ATHLETE /CHEERLEADER RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICY

Putnam County Board of Education Policy No. 6.3072

The Putnam County Board of Education supports the use of legal random drug testing of student athletes and cheerleaders and authorizes the Director of Schools to develop and implement the necessary administrative procedures to legally conduct random drug testing of all Putnam County School district secondary athletes and cheerleaders.

This policy is adopted to address the problem of alcohol and illicit drug use by athletes and cheerleaders and is designed to create a safe and drug free environment for those students and to assist them in getting help when needed. The Board recognizes that students participating in athletic and cheerleader activities while using illegal drugs pose a threat to their own health and safety, as well as to that of other students. This program of deterrence is instituted as a pro active approach to a truly drug free school.

The purpose of this policy and subsequent administrative procedure is threefold:

- To provide for the health and safety of all student athletes and cheerleaders;
- To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for student athletes and cheerleaders to refuse to use illegal drugs; and
- To encourage student athletes and cheerleaders who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs.

If you would like to review a copy of the drug testing policy, please contact the head coach of the sport your child is involved with.

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_, permission to be randomly drug tested at Cookeville High School for the school year **2010-2011**.

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_