

**MIDDLETOWN  
AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ANABOLIC STEROIDS

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227.1. ANABOLIC STEROIDS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Middletown Area School District considers school-related athletic participation to be a privilege and to be voluntary to every student. Students volunteering to participate are expected to accept the responsibilities granted them by this privilege.</p> <p>As a representative of the school district, students involved in school-related athletics are examined by the public, become role models for young children, as well as peers, and are special representatives of the community. They have chosen to accept this role and, with it, the responsibilities of a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.</p>
2. Authority	<p><u>Prohibited Use Of Anabolic Steroids</u></p> <p>The use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in school-related athletics is prohibited by the Board. Body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength, or the enhancement of athletic ability is not a valid medical purpose.</p> <p><u>Prohibited Use Of Human Growth Hormone</u></p> <p>The use of Human Growth Hormone (HGH), except for a valid medical purpose, by any student involved in school-related athletics is prohibited by the Board. Body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength will not be considered a valid medical purpose, unless the student's treating physician certifies that HGH has been prescribed to treat a legitimate medical injury or is otherwise necessary to ensure the student's normal physical development, and the HGH is being used in dosage and for a duration consistent with the treating physician's recommendations. The enhancement of athletic ability is not a valid medical purpose, if that is the primary reason or motivation that HGH is being used by a student.</p>
35 P.S. Sec. 807.1	
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<p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.3 Pol. 227</p>	<p><u>Penalties For Violation</u></p> <p>In addition to any other penalties or administrative actions provided for in the Middletown Area School District Drugs and Alcohol Policy, the following minimum penalties shall be imposed upon any student found in violation of the provisions of this policy relating to the use of anabolic steroids and/or Human Growth Hormone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. For a <b>first</b> violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.</li><li>2. For a <b>second</b> violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.</li><li>3. For a <b>third</b> violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>Steroids – 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 123, 218, 227. 233</p>
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