Career Technical Education
Program Drug Testing/Screening Policy

For the purposes of this policy, student refers to any student who has met the admission requirements of Northwest Mississippi Community College and is intent on entering a Career Program in Career Technical Education at the Senatobia campus.

Purpose

The purpose of the Drug Screening Program is to aid and assist students. It is not intended to unduly interfere with the student’s private life or to bring hardship, but rather to protect the student’s well being and threat of others who are associated with the Career Program’s at Northwest Mississippi Community College. This policy may affect Collision Repair and Welding and Cutting Program admissions and/or program continuance; however, it does not affect general college admission or the right of a student to pursue other college programs at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Procedures

The Northwest Mississippi Community College Career Programs, along with Career and Technical Education, strongly believe that the use and abuse of drugs (excluding those prescribed by a physician to treat specific medical problems) can

1. Be detrimental to the physical and mental health of students;
2. Seriously interfere with academic, social and required performance of the students;
3. Be extremely dangerous to the student’s safety and fellow student’s safety with regard to completing necessary shop experiences and using required tools in collision repair;
4. Effect the student’s ability to remain on Northwest Mississippi Community College campus due to a no tolerance policy of all students;
5. Impact a student’s ability to successfully obtain employment after completion of the program.

The drug screening is the responsibility of the student. All students required to do drug screening must sign a release allowing the Program Advisor and the Dean of Career and Technical Education access to results of the student drug screen. The drug screening shall consist of the collection of a urine sample from the student by any assistant(s) from the physician, nurse, lab tech, or authorized medical personnel. Each specimen shall be analyzed for the presences of drugs. The testing physician releases the signed lab results to the student on the form provided. This form must be submitted on the first day of class. Failure to provide documentation of the drug screening or positive results will be reflected in dismissal from the program.