## STEROIDS

The Wilson Area School District endorses the provisions of Act 93 of 1989 which prohibits the use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any pupil involved in school-related athletics. Furthermore, the provisions of the Drug and Alcohol Policy (5131) are applicable to steroids.

The law provides that body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength or the enhancement of athletic ability is not a valid medical purpose. Human growth hormone (HGH) is not included as an anabolic steroid under the provisions of the law.

Along with any disciplinary or other action which may be taken under the provisions of Policy #5131, the following minimum penalties will apply to any pupil in violation of the prohibitions in paragraph 1:

- (1) For a first violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.
- (2) For a second violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.
- (3) For a third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.

No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless there has been a medical determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. Participation in drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other program may be required as a condition of reinstatement into the athletic program.

The dangers of anabolic steroids shall be included in the drug and alcohol education program which is a part of the health curriculum in the School District.