

TO: Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities and Their Parents or Guardians

RE: Student Drug Testing

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the school's drug testing policy for students participating in extracurricular activities in grades 6-12. This policy and the program that supports it is designed not for punitive measures, but to eliminate the potential threat to the student's health and safety that can occur if students are using or under the influence of illegal drugs while participating in extracurricular activities. We want the testing program to deter drug use and help students live drug-free lives. Please note the following key points of the program:

1. All screenings include marijuana, cocaine opiates, amphetamines, and PCP.
2. All participating students will be tested at the beginning of each school year and prior to joining an extracurricular program at any time during the school year.
3. Random testing will occur from time to time during the school year.
4. A random test will take place at the school. All students participating in extracurricular activities will be eligible for selection for a random test.
5. Students will be notified in advance of any drug test. Students will be called to the school testing site by a school official, probably the principal. Every effort will be made to call the student at a time that is least disruptive to the student's academic schedule.
6. Students will remain under school supervision until an adequate sample (approximately 30 ml) is provided. If a student has not provided a sample by the end of the school day (3:30 p.m.), then the student will be ineligible to participate until a negative sample is provided at the next random test. Students will have up to seven hours to provide an adequate sample, and they will have access to their school materials during that time.
7. The cut-off level for a positive marijuana test result is 50 mg/ml. This level is in compliance with Department of Transportation and National Institute of Drug Abuse standards.
8. Any sample registering below 92 degrees Fahrenheit will be rejected. Also, if the lab technician suspects tampering has occurred, the sample will be rejected and another sample must be provided. If tampering occurs in a direct attempt by the student not to comply with the policy, then, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, student will be removed from the team.
9. Students will be asked to empty their pockets before entering the bathroom.
10. Once a student tests positive, and is reinstated, he or she will be retested, he or she participates in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.