

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES STUDENT DRUG TESTING**

The Chandler Board of Education in an effort to protect the health and safety of its extra-curricular activities students from illegal and/or performance-enhancing drug use and abuse, thereby setting an example for all other students of the Chandler Public School District, proposes to adopt the following policy for drug testing of activity students.

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT**

Although the Board of Education, administration, and staff desire that every student in the Chandler Public School District refrain from using or possessing illegal drugs, district officials realize that their power to restrict the possession or use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs is limited. Therefore, this policy governs only performance-enhancing and illegal drug use by students participating in extra-curricular activities. The sanctions of this policy relate solely to limiting the opportunity of any student determined to be in violation of this policy to participate in extracurricular activities. No suspensions from school or academic sanctions will be imposed for violations of this policy. This policy supplements and complements all other policies, rules and regulations of the Chandler Public School District regarding possession or use of illegal drugs.

Participation in school-sponsored extra-curricular activities at the Chandler Public School District is a privilege. Students who participate in these activities are respected by the student body and are representing the school district and the community. Accordingly, students in extra-curricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct, sportsmanship, and training, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs. Additionally, this school district is contracted to follow the rules and regulations of the OSSAA whose Rule No. 4, Section 1 (a) specifically states: *“A student whose conduct or character at school is under discipline or whose conduct or character outside the school is such as to reflect discredit upon the school shall be ineligible until reinstated.”*

The purposes of this policy are five-fold:

1. To educate students of the serious physical, mental and emotional harm caused by illegal drug use.
2. To alert students with possible substance abuse problems to the potential harms that drug use poses for their physical, mental, and emotional well being and offers them the privilege of competition as an incentive to stop using such substances.
3. Ensure that students adhere to a training program that bars the intake of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
4. To prevent injury, illness, and harm for students that may arise as a result from illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.
5. To offer students practices, competition and school activities free of the effects of illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.

Illegal and performance-enhancing drug use of any kind is incompatible with the physical, mental, and emotional demands placed upon participants in extra-curricular activities and upon the positive image these students project to other students and to the community on behalf of the Chandler Public School District. For the safety, health and well being of students in extra-curricular activities, the Chandler Public School District has adopted this policy for use by all participating in extra-curricular activities in grades 7-12.