

Edgewood ISD

Drug Testing Program

Approved by The Board of Trustees on November 18, 2019

Objective: To deter drug use among Edgewood ISD students in grades 7-12.

Plan: 1) To randomly test students throughout the school year. 2) The school district's administration or designee may, at any time during the school year, select any extra-curricular group of students or team to be tested for drugs.

All students in grades 7-12 who participate in an extracurricular activity must be included in the "testing pool". For this policy, the "testing pool" is defined as the group of students who are either involved in extracurricular activities or requested by their parents to participate in the random selection process.

Testing Procedure

- The program administrator will be the Edgewood ISD Superintendent as designated to the Edgewood High School Administration.
- Onsite Collections will be performed by certified specimen collectors from THE Lab (in Tyler)
- 1) Random testing dates are selected by THE Lab. 2) Any group or team testing date will be selected by an administrator or designee.
- Campus principals will provide a list of students in the testing pool (ID numbers only) to the testing company...Random student selection will be performed by THE Lab (it is possible for students to be selected to participate many times in the same year)
- Students will be escorted from their classroom to the test area (no jackets or purses) with no detours to locker, restroom, office, vehicle, etc. ... different times and locations for males/females...
- Technicians will provide students with opportunity to list current medications being taken and a collection cup (ID # attached to cup)
- Students will be required to submit a urine sample immediately upon request
- Students will be required to observe the sealing of the specimen and sign a Chain of Custody form with the identical ID #
- Students will be released to return to class
- Results will be double-checked if found to be positive
- 99.8% accuracy

Drugs To Be Tested:

Amphetamine/Methamphetamine

Barbiturates

Benzodiazepines

Cannabinoids

Cocaine Metabolites

Methadone

Methaqualone

Opiates

Phencyclidine

Propoxyphene

Confidentiality

The collection and coding of specimen samples are executed in a manner that ensures total confidentiality and proper identification. Test results are known only by student, parents, and district designees. All test results will be destroyed when the student is no longer eligible (by age) to participate in extracurricular activities. THE Lab will store positive specimens frozen for one year after the test date; negative specimens will be kept refrigerated for one week after the test date.

Offenses

Offenses are defined as admissions of consuming drugs, a positive test result, or a refusal to test. Students will have an opportunity to respond to the results. A student wishing to contest a positive test result may, at his or her own expense, request an additional test, from a split sample. This must be performed by a certified testing company approved by Edgewood ISD, within 4 days of the original test. Parents may initiate an appeal as outlined in District Policy FNG (local). During the appeal process, students are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

Disciplinary Measures

Offenses occurring in Middle School will be cumulative for grades 7 and 8. Middle School student drug testing history/offenses will not carry over into high school. All student history/offences will start over once a student enters the 9th grade. Offenses occurring in High School will be cumulative for grades 9-12.

First Positive Test Result:

1. Parent and student are required to meet with the campus administrator to discuss the positive test result and determine whether or not there is an alternative medical explanation for the positive test result. At this time, parents/guardians will be provided an opportunity to have their child re-tested at their expense.
2. Student will be removed from participation, excluding practice/tryouts, until the following criteria are met: a) a minimum thirty (30) calendar days have elapsed; b) satisfactory completion of a substance abuse or counseling program at student and/or parent/guardian expense; and c) the student has been re-tested by an administrator approved testing facility at student and/or parent/guardian expense.

3. The student, whether or not he/she continues to participate in extracurricular activities, must test at every EISD-provided drug test for 1 calendar year. If the student does not test positive for that year, he/she will return to random test status.

Second Positive Test Result:

1. Parent and student are required to meet with the campus administrator to discuss the positive test result and determine whether or not there is an alternative medical explanation for the positive test result.

2. Student will be removed from participation, including practice/tryouts, until the following criteria are met: a) a minimum ninety (90) calendar days have elapsed; b) satisfactory completion of a substance abuse or counseling program at student and/or parent/guardian expense; and c) the student has been re-tested by an administrator approved testing facility at student and/or parent/guardian expense.

3. The student, whether or not he/she continues to participate in extracurricular activities, must test at every EISD-provided drug test for one (1) calendar year. If the student does not test positive for that year, he/she will return to random test status.

Third Positive Test Result:

1. Parent and student are required to meet with the campus administrator to discuss the positive test result and determine whether or not there is an alternative medical explanation for the positive test result.

2. Student will be removed from participation, including practice/tryouts, until the following criteria are met: a) a minimum one (1) calendar year has elapsed; b) satisfactory completion of a substance abuse or counseling program at student and/or parent/guardian expense.

3. The student must test at every EISD-provided drug test for one (1) calendar year. If the student does not test positive for that year, he/she will be once again allowed to participate in extracurricular activities and will return to random test status.

Fourth Positive Test Result.

1. The student's extracurricular activity privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the student's educational career at Edgewood ISD.

2. The student will be removed from the pool of eligible students to be randomly drug tested.