



Edgewood Independent School District

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Drug Testing Program

(Approved by the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2008)

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

Plan: 1) To randomly test 20 students for drugs 9 times 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 extra-curricular 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 extra-curricular activities or requested by their parents to participate in the random selection process.

Testing Procedure

- The program administrator will be the Edgewood ISD Superintendent
- Onsite Collections will be performed by certified specimen collectors from THE Lab (in Tyler)
- 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 identifier 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 for: Amphetamine/Methamphetamine Barbiturates
Benzodiazepines Cannabinoids Opiates Cocaine Metabolites Methadone
Methaqualone 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 extra-curricular 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. A positive test result becomes an offense only after all appeals have been exhausted. 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 time constraints dictated by Edgewood ISD. Parents may initiate an appeal as outlined in District Policy FNG (local). During the appeal process, students are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Disciplinary Measures

All offenses are cumulative for students' entire educational career (grades 7-12). Edgewood ISD will not be responsible for counseling costs incurred while fulfilling requirements to regain eligibility for extra-curricular activities.

First Offense:

- 1) Parent and student are required to meet with the campus principal.
- 2) The student who participates in extra-curricular activities must serve a suspension from those activities (tryouts included) for 60 calendar days. The suspension will be reduced to 30 days if the student provides proof of drug counseling from a certified drug counselor approved by Edgewood ISD.
- 3) The student, whether or not he/she participates in extra-curricular activities, must test at every EISD-provided drug test for one calendar year (Exception: see 2nd Offense, Rule 3- for students who do not participate in extra-curricular activities). If the student does not test positive for that year, he/she will return to random test status.

Second Offense:

- 1) Parent and student are required to meet with the campus principal.
- 2) The student who participates in extra-curricular activities must comply with the following to regain eligibility:
 - a. serve a suspension from all extra-curricular activities (tryouts included) for one calendar year;
 - b. provide proof of drug counseling from a certified drug counselor;
 - c. be tested at every drug-testing opportunity provided by EISD for the remainder of his educational career at EISD.
- 3) The student who does not participate in extra-curricular activities will be removed from the "testing pool" for one calendar year unless their parents: provide proof of counseling, or reimburses EISD for drug-testing costs.

Third Offense:

The student will be removed from the pool of eligible students and suspended from extra-curricular activities for the remainder of his educational career at Edgewood ISD.