

TO: Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities or requests a permit to park a vehicle on school property

FROM: **Pottsboro ISD** Administration

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 or requests a permit to park a vehicle on school property in grades 7-12. 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 alcohol or illegal drugs while participating in interscholastic athletics or any other extracurricular activity. We want the testing program to deter drug and alcohol use and help students live drug-free lives. Please note the following key points of the program:

1. All screenings will include alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, Methamphetamines, Opiates, Amphetamines, PCP, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, and MDMA(Ecstasy).
2. All participating students will be tested at the beginning of each year in which they participate in any extracurricular activity or requests a permit to park a vehicle on school property.
3. Random testing will occur from time to time during the school year.
4. A random test will take place at the high school and junior high. All students participating in extracurricular activities or requests a permit to park a vehicle on school property will be eligible for selection for a random test.
5. Students will not be notified in advance of any drug test. Students will be called to the school testing site by a school official, probably an administrator. 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 is provided. If a student has not provided a sample by the end of the school day (3:40 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. 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.
8. Students will be asked to empty their pockets before entering the bathroom.
9. Once a student tests positive and is reinstated, he or she will be retested during the next 9 random test dates if he or she wishes to continue to participate in extracurricular activities or parks a vehicle on school property. An initial positive test will result in a 14-day suspension period. A second positive test will result in a 28-day suspension period. A third positive test will result in a suspension for one calendar year.

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DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM

By our signatures below, we agree to participate in the Pottsboro ISD drug testing program for students participating in extracurricular activities and students driving a vehicle on campus. We understand and grant permission to share the test results with School District Administration. We understand that failure by either of us to sign this form shall result in removal of the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, including practice and competition. If either of us is unclear about any aspect of the drug testing policy and program, it is our individual responsibility to contact the principal at the high school or middle school.

Student's Name ---Printed

Grade for 2023-24

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date