

West Bonner County School District

STUDENTS

3400

Extracurricular Activities Drug-Testing Program

The District has a strong commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Results of studies throughout the United States indicate that education alone, as a preventive measure, is not effective in combating substance abuse. Our commitment to maintaining the extracurricular activities in the District as a safe and secure educational environment requires a clear policy and supportive programs relating to detection, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse by students involved in extracurricular activities.

Purpose

The drug-testing program is not intended to be disciplinary or punitive in nature. Students involved in extracurricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. It is the purpose of this program to prevent students from participating in extracurricular activities while they have drug residues in their bodies, and it is the purpose of this program to educate, help, and direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug-free participation. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified positive test conducted by his/her school under this program, other than as stated herein.

Scope

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. This policy applies to all District students in grades 9-12 who wish to participate in extracurricular activities that are listed in the current student handbook and any other school-sponsored extracurricular activities not listed.

The independent laboratory receiving the samples will routinely test for alcohol, amphetamines, cocaine, and marijuana. Other drugs, such as LSD, may be screened at the request of this school district, but the identity of a particular student will not determine which drugs will be screened. The laboratory will be authorized to report test results only to the principal/administrative designee.

Samples will be collected on the same day the student is selected for testing or, if the student is absent on that day, on the day of the student's return to school. If the student is unable to provide a sample at any particular time, the student will be allowed to return later that same school day to provide the sample.

Any student athlete who willfully provides a false urine sample or otherwise tampers with a urine sample or undertakes any effort to obstruct, evaluate or impair the accuracy of the drug test will be suspended from further participation in the current sports season.

Consent Form

It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extracurricular activities has completed and return the Consent Form prior to participation in any extracurricular activity.

Each participant shall be provided with the Consent Form (3400F), which shall be dated, signed by the participant and by the parent/guardian. In so doing, the student is agreeing to participate in the random drug-testing program at Priest River Lamanna High School.

Frequency Testing

1. All students will be tested at the beginning of the sport season and prior to participating. If the student athlete participated in a previous sport that year and has been subject to drug testing continuous thru the year, they will not be tested again on an initial sport season screening. If a student played a fall sport and did not play any more sports until the spring they would be subjected to an initial sport season screening prior to participating.
2. Random testing will occur at least once each month and may occur weekly during a sport season, ten percent of all student athletes, regardless of the sport, may be tested each week.

Testing Procedure and Chain of Custody

1. Training and direction will be provided to those who supervise the testing program on proper method of collecting the urine samples and the setup of the collection environment.
2. The principal/administrative designee will be responsible for notifying and/or escorting students to the collection site. The student should bring all materials with him/her to the collection site and should not be allowed to go to his/her locker. The administrator shall bring all the students drawn from the pool to the collection site simultaneously.
3. A sanitized specimen bottle will be given to each student. To maintain anonymity, the student's number, not name, will be on the specimen bottle. The bottle will remain in the student's possession until a seal is placed upon the bottle.
4. The supervisor obtaining the urine specimen will be of the same gender as the student. Students will be instructed to remove all coats and wash their hands in the presence of the supervisor prior to providing the urine specimen. The supervisor will also observe the student providing the urine specimen to ensure the specimen is not tampered with and is that student's specimen.
5. Before the student's urine is tested students will sign for their designated, pre-numbered, test kit.

6. Once the specimen is provided, the student will hand the specimen bottle to the supervisor and the student will be asked "Is this your urine?" With the response of "Yes" the supervisor will read and record the results of the test.
7. The specimen results must be read within 10 minutes of obtaining the specimen. If a specimen tests positive, the principal/administrative designee will notify the student testing positive, along with the student's parent/guardian. (It is recommended that the urine is tested in a 2nd test kit, with the student preset, prior to notification of parent/guardian).
8. Before, any disciplinary action is taken, the student and his/her parent/guardian will be permitted (1) business day to submit verification of any prescription drug use, by providing proper documentation of the prescriptions to the building principal. Any documentation provided to the building principal will remain confidential.

Financial Responsibility

1. The District will pay for all initial and random drug tests during the season.
2. A request on appeal for another test of a positive urine specimen is the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian. Such test must be performed within 24 hours of the initial positive test result.
3. Counseling and subsequent treatment by non-school agencies are the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian.

Confidentiality

Under this drug-testing program, any staff, coach, or sponsor of the District who may have knowledge of the results of a drug test will not divulge to anyone the results of the test or the disposition of the student involved, other than in the case of a legal subpoena being made upon that person in the course of a legal investigation. Once again, this will underscore the District's commitment to confidentiality with regard to the program.

Consequences

First Offense Grades 9-12– Drugs or Alcohol/Tobacco

1. The student shall be suspended for 20% of the competitions/contests for that season (ie. Basketball has 20 games so a student would be suspended for 4 games). If the suspension occurs during a time where there is less than 20% of games left to play, then the student would be done for the remainder of the season, including any district or state competition and the remaining percentage from the next season (i.e. 10 % at the end of basketball and 10% at the beginning of baseball). If the infraction occurs during a state competition, the student will be suspended from state play with possible additional suspensions at the discretion of the principal and athletic director. If suspended for any

part of the season, the student forfeits any post-season league honors and if suspended for district and state play, the student forfeits their letter and school post season awards. During suspension, the student will be allowed to practice but will not be allowed to travel, suit up for games, or sit on the bench at home games.

2. A student must also enroll in a principal and athletic director approved drug and/or alcohol substance abuse assistance program. The enrollment must occur before the suspension is over. The cost of the assistance program will not be paid by the District.
3. If the student does not agree to and abide by the conditions stated above, the student will be suspended from athletics for the remainder of the current sports season.

Second Offense Grades 9-12

A student athlete's second offense of the use or possession of smoking or chewing tobacco products, alcohol or drugs or any imitation, throughout grades 9-12, will result in the following action.

1. Student shall be suspended for the remainder of the season of the current athletic program he/she is participating and also the next sports season for which the student is eligible to participate.

Third Offense- Grades 9-12

1. Student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of their **junior high school/high school** career. Offenses are cumulative **through the career of the student-athlete in junior high school/high school.**

Legal Reference: Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995)
Todd v. Rush County, 139 F.3d 571 (7th Cir.), cert. Denied, 119 S.Ct. 68 (1998)
Idaho Code 33-512 (12)

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