

DRUG SCREENING

A pool of Middle and High School students who participate in extracurricular activities shall be required to submit to drug testing as prescribed by this policy in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular includes all athletic programs, cheerleaders, band (all areas), chorus, show choir, forensics (all areas), drama, and any program or group that represents students involved in competition and/or after-school-related activities.

Students involved in extracurricular activities and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be made aware of the drug testing process and the steps/consequences if and when a student tests positive. Every precaution will be taken to assure and maintain accuracy and confidentiality of the test results, including the maintenance of a documented chain of specimen custody to insure the identity and integrity of the sample throughout the collection and testing process.

Some goals of the program are as follows:

1. To educate students concerning the dangers and problems associated with drug use/abuse.
2. To prevent drug use/abuse by students of the Lamar County School District.
3. To identify any student involved in extracurricular activities that may be using/abusing drugs and to determine the identity of the drug(s).
4. To provide reasonable safeguards that every student involved in extracurricular activities in the Lamar County School District is physically competent to participate in interscholastic sports and/or any other extracurricular activity such as band, chorus, drama, forensics, and show choir.
5. To develop drug free extracurricular programs and produce students who can serve as role models to influence peers to lead healthy and responsible lives.

Students will be subject to drug screening to test for the following substances, the use of which is expressly prohibited:

Amphetamines
Marijuana Metabolite
Cocaine Metabolite
Phencyclidine
Opiates
(and any other substance(s) the test may reveal)

Effects of Positive results

A student who has tested positive will forfeit participation in interscholastic participation according to the following schedule:

1. First Violation: The student will be denied participation from competitions (with required practices) beginning with the first scheduled competition following the offense and concluding after 20% of that season's or year's competitions have taken place. (Example: 2 Of 10 football games or 4 of 20 basketball games)
2. Second Violation: Dismissal from that sport season without gaining letter awards or recognition.
3. Third Violation: The student will be denied participation in all extracurricular activities and programs for a calendar year.
4. Fourth Violation: The student will be indefinitely barred from participating in any event or activity and all extracurricular activities in the Lamar County School District.
5. Students who test positive for drugs will forfeit certain team and individual awards as determined by the head coach/director.

VOLUNTARY DRUG SCREENING

Any parent or guardian may elect to have his/her student participate in this program on a voluntary basis by completing the consent form. Eligibility shall apply to the entire academic year.

All students (grades 6-12) who volunteer to participate in the drug testing program will be eligible for and subject to testing. Students become eligible upon the submission of a consent form.