

Drug Testing Program

Approved by The Board of Trustees on July 20, 2020

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

Plan: 1) To randomly test students throughout the school year. 2) At any time during the school year, the school district's administration or designee may select any extracurricular group of students or team to be tested.

- All students in grades 7-12 who participate in an extracurricular activity must be included in the "testing pool".
- All enrolled students who drive and/or park on district grounds 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.

For this policy, a "calendar year" is defined as 365 days beginning on the day a student is notified of a positive result.

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.
- Random testing dates are selected by THE Lab and any group or team's testing date will be selected by an administrator or designee.
- Campus principals will provide a list of students in the testing pool with 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 with no detours to locker, restroom, office, or vehicle. They will not be allowed to bring a jacket or purse. There will be different times and locations for males and females.
- Technicians will provide students with the opportunity to list current medications being taken and a collection cup with their ID number.
- 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 number.
- Students will then be released to return to class.
- Results will be double-checked if found to be positive.
- The results are 99.8% accurate.

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 the student, their 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. Student suspension will begin the day the student and parent are notified of the positive result. 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 the middle school will be cumulative for grades 7 and 8. Middle school students' drug testing history and offenses will not carry over into high school. All student history and offenses 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, athletic director and/or sponsor(s) 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 retested at their expense.
2. Student will be removed from participation, excluding practice/tryouts, until all 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
3. been re-tested by an administrator approved testing facility at student and/or parent/guardian expense.
4. Student drivers will immediately lose parking privileges for 30 days.

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

Second Positive Test Result:

1. Parent and student are required to meet with the campus administrator, athletic director and/or sponsor(s) 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 all the following criteria are met: a) a minimum of one calendar year has elapsed, b) satisfactory completion of a substance abuse or counseling program at student and/or parent/guardian expense, and c) the student has been retested by an administrator approved testing facility at student and/or parent/guardian expense.
3. Student drivers will immediately lose parking privileges for one calendar year.
4. The student, whether or not he/she continues to participate in extracurricular activities, must test at every EISD-provided drug test for one calendar year. If the student does not test positive for that year, he/she will return to the random drug testing pool.

Third 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 and the student will be removed from the extracurricular class period immediately.
2. The student will be removed from the pool of eligible students to be randomly drug tested.
3. Student drivers will immediately lose parking privileges for the remainder of the student's educational career at Edgewood ISD.

What are the objectives of the Student Drug Testing Program?

The drug testing program is not intended to be a punitive measure. Rather, the following objectives serve as the foundation for the program:

- to promote the health and safety of all students,

- to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students involved in extracurricular activities to refuse to use illegal drugs,
- to encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs, and
- eliminate the impact that drug and alcohol use has on the learning centers of the brain so that students may achieve their full academic potential.

What is a competitive extracurricular activity?

Competitive extracurricular activities are those that are school-sponsored, school-related, competitive activities including elective offices and participation in clubs, teams, or organizations.

Which students are subject to random drug testing?

All students in grades 7-12 who participate in any competitive extracurricular activity and/or park a permitted vehicle on campus are subject to the testing program. The following activities and organizations are ones in which the students involved may be subject to drug testing:

Business Professionals of America
 Cheerleaders and Mascot
 Color Guard
 FCCLA
 FFA
 HOSA
 Class Officers
 National Honor Society
 Student Council
 Speech and Debate
 Theater Arts
 UIL Activities (athletics, academic competitions, band, choir, art)
 Yearbook

Does a student need to have a signed consent form from the parent/guardian authorizing participation in the drug-testing program in order to try out for an activity or run for office?

Yes. Before a student is allowed to participate in any competitive extracurricular activity and/or obtain and/or maintain a permit to park on campus, the student and the parent and/or person otherwise in lawful control of the student must present written consent to the testing. Both the student and the parent must sign the consent form authorizing the student's participation in the drug-testing program.

What happens if a parent or guardian does not consent to testing?

The student will not be able to participate in MS/HS extracurricular activities or have parking privileges at Edgewood High School.

What happens if a student refuses to be tested?

Refusal on the part of any student to participate in a scheduled or random drug test shall be considered to have tested positive. If a student suddenly leaves campus and is selected to test, the student shall be considered to have a positive result.

How much is the drug testing program costing Edgewood ISD?

The cost of the contract with Pinnacle is \$14 per random sample.

What is the process for the drug testing and what method is used?

Testing is done by urinalysis using accepted immunological screening procedures because it is accurate and reliable. The process includes collection, screening, confirmation and review.

How often will drug-testing be done ?

Testing will be done on a monthly basis.

Is it possible that a student could be chosen for drug testing more than once?

Yes, because selection is random and without suspicion.

What happens if a student quits all extracurricular activities and relinquishes campus parking privileges?

THE Lab will be contacted and the student's name will be pulled from the activity list. Remember, if a student quits all activities, he or she will be ineligible to participate or park on campus for the remainder of the school year.

What happens if a student tests positive?

Any specimens that test positive are tested again for confirmation utilizing the Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) testing methodology. Parents are notified to determine if there is a medical explanation for the positive test result. If there is no medical explanation for the positive result, the district is notified.

Who actually does the collection process?

THE Lab employees will oversee the collection of samples.

What about privacy and confidentiality and where are samples to be collected?

The collection and coding of specimen samples is done in a manner that ensures proper identification and confidentiality. THE Lab employee is always positioned in a way that gives each student his or her privacy. The samples are collected in a restroom suitable for the testing and which has been chosen by the principal and a representative from THE Lab.

For what drugs will students be tested?

Any substance considered illegal by either federal or Texas law or that is controlled by the United States Food and Drug Administration including, but not limited to the following;

- Amphetamine/Methamphetamine
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Cannabinoids
- Cocaine
- Metabolites
- Methadone
- Methaqualone
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene