McCamey Independent School District

Extracurricular/Athletic Drug Screening

Student Activities-

(Policy-FM Legal)

Applicability-

A student enrolled in the district or who participates in an extracurricular activity or a University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition is subject to district policy and UIL rules regarding participation only when the student is under the direct supervision of an employee of the school or district in which the student is enrolled or at any time specified by resolution of the Board. (*Education Code 33.081, b)*

Extracurricular Activity-

An extracurricular activity is an activity sponsored by the UIL, the Board, or an organization sanctioned by Board resolution. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of essential knowledge and skills, but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to: public performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. In addition, an activity is subject to this policy if one of the following criteria apply:

(1) The activity is competitive.
(2) The activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered extracurricular.
(3) The activity is held off-campus, except in a case in which adequate facilities do not exist on campus.
(4) The general public is invited.

Alcohol/Drug Screening Policy

Purpose-

Drug abuse is a significant health problem for students, detrimentally affecting overall health, behavior, learning ability, and the total development of the individual student. Furthermore, it is harmful to other students, teachers, family members and those who may be collaterally affected. The District, in planning, implementing, and enforcing the drug screening policy, shall attempt to maintain a safe and drug-free environment that promotes academic excellence and social responsibility in all students. Additionally, consistent enforcement of a lawful policy that recognizes the privacy acts of student, but effectively deters violation of important school rules shall provide all students with a valid reason to reject drugs and alcohol and to resist peer pressure that often leads to drug and alcohol abuse.

Objective-

(1) To provide a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs/alcohol by students in grades 7-12.
(2) To give students a valid reason to resist peer pressure to use illegal drugs/alcohol.
(3) To prevent injury, illness, and harm as a result of the use of illegal drugs/alcohol.
(4) To maintain a school environment free of drug/alcohol use and its effects.
(5) To educate students as to the serious physical, mental, and emotional harm caused by the use of illegal drugs/alcohol.

Receipt of Copy-

This policy is enforced annually, and therefore prior to the beginning of each school year in which this policy is in effect, all participating students and their parents or guardian or person with lawful control shall be required to sign an acknowledgement form indicating receipt of a copy of this policy and an understanding of the terms and provisions of the policy.

Selection for Testing-

At the time a student in grades 7-12 declares their intention to participate in any extracurricular activity, they will be subject to the drug/alcohol screening program, as adopted by the McCamey Independent School District, for the entire school year or for as long as they participate in the extracurricular activity.

Drugs to be tested for-

The drugs that students will be tested for are as follows:

Drugs which an individual may not buy, posses, use, sell, or distribute under either federal or Texas law. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, methaqualone, benzodiazepines, phencyclidine (PCP), methadone, barbiturates, and propoxyphene. All prescription drugs upon reasonable suspicion that were obtained without authorization. All prescription and over the counter drugs upon reasonable suspicion that are being used in an abusive manner.

Random Testing-

Student participation in any extracurricular activity shall constitute a pool of candidates from which randomly selected participants will be required to participate in drug testing.

15% of the student participants will be randomly selected to be tested for drug use at least once every six weeks. The Superintendent of Schools shall be in charge of overseeing the drug testing process. Students shall not receive prior notification of the testing date or time.

Students who are selected to be tested during one test period will be eligible for future tests and, if selected, may be tested in consecutive tests.

Reasonable Suspicion-

Upon reasonable suspicion by a district professional employee that a student involved in an extracurricular/athletic activity is under the influence of drugs/alcohol while at school or a school related activity, that student may, at any time, be required by the Principal or Athletic Director to submit to a drug/alcohol screening.

Reasonable suspicion may be defined as any of the following:

Personal observation by a district employee concerning in the appearance, speech or behavior of a student that indicates the effects of drug or alcohol use.

Information provided by a reliable source based on personal knowledge indicating drug/alcohol use by a student.

An alert by a drug dog, sanctioned by the school district for finding illegal drugs/alcohol on a student's personal property, a student's vehicle or a student's assigned locker.

Truancy by a student from any scheduled practices or meetings could constitute reasonable suspicion.

Testing Procedures-

The McCamey Independent School District will follow the "Procedural Safeguards" established for students in extracurricular and/or athletic activities. A copy of these "Procedural Safeguards" will be provided to the students and their parents/guardians at the time that consent for drug/alcohol screening is requested.

Refusal to Test or Tampering with a Test-

A student who refuses to be tested when randomly selected or through reasonable suspicion shall be deemed to have a positive test result and shall be subject to the appropriate consequences depending on previous results, if any.

A student who is determined to have tampered with a sample could be deemed to have a positive test result and be subject to the appropriate consequences depending on previous results, if any

If a student is absent on the day of the random test, a sample shall be collected on the next random testing date.

Positive Test Results-

Upon receiving results of a positive drug test, the District shall schedule a meeting with the student, the student's parent if the student is under the age of 18, and the coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity to review the test results and discuss consequences.

The student or their parents/guardians shall have three (3) school days following the meeting to provide a medical explanation for a positive result. Suspension from extracurricular activities shall be in effect until a medical explanation is provided.

Consequences-

If a student is involved in extracurricular/athletic activities and is found to be associated with any of the following actions, he/she will receive the outlined consequences for each numbered offense as provided by this policy. The consequences shall be cumulative through the student's enrollment in junior high and shall begin anew for high school. High school consequences are cumulative for the 4 years of UIL eligibility.

(1) Under the influence of drugs/alcohol at school or school sponsored activities.
(2) Tests positive in a drug/alcohol screening administered by the school district.
(3) Receives a citation for MIC (Minor in Consumption), MIP (Minor in Possession), DUI (Driving Under the Influence), or DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) - whether convicted, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or adjudicated of the misdemeanor.

****A student who is seen drinking, using drugs, or committing an unacceptable misdemeanor by a district professional employee will receive the outlined consequences for each numbered offense as provided by this policy. Any district professional employee who witnesses such an event will report the happening to a school Administrator immediately.**

Athlete/Academic Defined-

Athlete: Student involved in any of the athletic extracurricular activities provided through the school: cross country, cheerleading, volleyball, football, basketball, tennis, power lifting, track, golf, baseball, etc.

Academic: Student involved in any of the academic extracurricular activities provided through the school: band, drama, all UIL academic contests, student council, etc.

Precedence: For the sake of this policy, a student that is involved in both athletic and academic extracurricular activities will follow the consequences established for the **athlete.** The student will not have to serve the consequences established for athletics and for academics.

Drug/Alcohol Screening Policy

Random drug testing will occur throughout the school year where 15% of the students involved in extracurricular activities will be tested.

A student that tests positive for drug use or that has received a citation for being under the influence, possession of drugs, delivering drugs, or is in possession of drug paraphernalia, or that is found to be in possession or under the influence of alcoholwill adhere to the following consequences:

High School and Junior High Athletics Drug Policy:

First Offense:

- The high school student-athlete will run/walk 50 miles before being allowed to participate in an athletic competition. The junior high student-athlete will run/walk 25 miles before being allowed to participate in an athletic competition.
- 3-week suspension period from athletic participation.
- Must miss at least one athletic contest.

Second Offense:

- One calendar year suspension from athletic participation.

Board and Superintendent review will be required before student can go back into athletics.

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* The student will continue to come to practice with their organization but will not be allowed to participate in any contest until after the suspension period has been completed.

** Unfinished consequences must be completed before eligibility is granted.

High School and Junior High Academic/UIL Activities Drug Policy:

First Offense:

- 3-week suspension period from UIL activity participation.
- Must miss at least one UIL event.

Second Offense:

- One calendar year suspension from UIL Activities.

High School and Junior High Academic/UIL Activities Alcohol Policy:

First Offense:

- 3-week suspension period from UIL activity participation.
- Must miss at least one UIL event.

Second Offense:

- One calendar year suspension from UIL Activities.

Board/Superintendent Review; consequences established at the review.

* The student will continue to practice with their organization but will not be allowed to participate in any contest until after the suspension period has been completed.

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_____If a student already had one or two drug offenses on their next positive drug test or alcohol citation they will serve the one calendar year suspension.

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Date (Month/Day/Year): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date (Month/Day/Year): _____

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