VMISD Extracurricular/Parking Permit Substance Abuse Policy

Purpose
The purpose of the Valley Mills ISD substance abuse policy is to encourage a drug-free educational environment, deter student use and educate regarding the harm of illegal drugs. By participating under this policy, the student will be subjected to the risk of detection and its consequences to help offset the ordinary pressures concerning substance abuse. The intent of implementing this program is to send a message to the students that VMISD cares about them as individuals and what they do to their bodies. It is a clear indication that Valley Mills ISD will not tolerate substance abuse in its extracurricular programs.

This program requires that any student in grades 7-12 desiring to participate in any District extracurricular program or receive a parking permit to consent to mandatory drug testing as described in this document. The District shall provide each parent/guardian and student a copy of the drug-testing policy and consent form(s) prior to the student's participation in an affected activity. Coaches and sponsors shall also review the Substance Abuse Policy with their students at the beginning of each season.

List of Extracurricular Activities Requiring Drug Testing
Students who participate in extracurricular activities/organizations in grades 7-12 will be required to participate under the District substance abuse policy. The following list includes programs/activities requiring consent to participate:

Valley Mills High School: Athletics, Band, Cheer, Theater/OAP, FFA,4-H, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Student Council, UIL Academic competitions, Yearbook, Career Technology Education practicums, Art competitions, Interact, Esports, Class Officers, Parking Permit privileges, and any other extracurricular activity/club sponsored by VMISD

Valley Mills Junior High: Athletics, Band, Cheer, Student Council, Theater/OAP, UIL Academic competitions, and any other extracurricular activity/club sponsored by VMISD

Process
All students in grades 7-12 who participate in an extracurricular activity, or receive a parking permit, will be subject to random drug testing throughout the school year.

Students will be required to provide the District with written consent signed (or electronically signed/submitted) by both the student and parent or guardian. The laboratory used to provide the drug testing will be certified to administer drug testing by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The vendor will determine the students to be tested for each testing occurrence by use of a computerized method that ensures randomization.

Through the use of urine and/or saliva samples, the drug testing vendor will be able to detect the presence of drugs taken prior to the test. If a student has been taking medications, the student's parent/guardian will be given the opportunity to indicate the type of medication being taken. A "chain of custody" procedure will be used to monitor the identity and integrity of the sample throughout the collection, transportation, and testing process. The drug testing vendor will provide the personnel to conduct the collection, transportation, and testing. The Superintendent or District designee shall determine the percentage of students to be tested at each occurrence.

Consent
Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or receive a parking permit, the student shall be required annually to sign a consent form (or electronically signed/submitted) agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drug-testing program. If the student is under the age of 18, the student's parent/guardian shall also sign the consent form. If appropriate consent is not given, or if the consent form is revoked in any way during the school year, the student shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or receive a parking permit. Students and parents/guardians must return the testing consent form to the principal before the date specified on the consent form. New students to the District (after the consent form deadline) will have 7 days to submit their testing consent form in order to participate in extracurricular activities. Any student who fails to submit their testing consent form before the specified date will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for the particular school year.

Use of Results
Drug test results shall be used only to determine eligibility for extracurricular activities and/or receive a parking permit. Positive test results shall not be used to impose other disciplinary sanctions or academic penalties.

Confidentiality
Drug test results shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only to the student, the student's parents/guardians, and designated District officials who need the information in order to administer the drug-testing program. Drug test results shall not be maintained with a student's academic record. Results shall not be otherwise disclosed, except as required by law.

Testing Laboratory
The Board shall contract with a certified drug-testing laboratory to conduct testing of students' urine and/or saliva samples.

Substances for Which Tests Are Conducted
The District shall not test for medical conditions under this policy. Drug testing may screen for any illegal drugs that the District, in its discretion, may choose, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Marijuana (THC), Amphetamine/Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Opiates/Morphine and Phencyclidine (PCP);
2. Alcohol;
3. Cotinine (nicotine).

Collection Procedures
Personnel from the drug-testing laboratory shall collect urine and/or saliva samples under conditions that are no more intrusive than the conditions experienced in a public restroom. When selected for testing, the student shall be escorted to the school's testing site by a District employee and shall remain under employee supervision until the student provides a sample. A student shall produce a sample within a closed restroom stall. A District employee of the same gender as the student shall be present when any samples are collected.

Random Testing
The drug-testing laboratory shall schedule testing dates and shall use a random selection method to identify students chosen for random testing. Students shall not receive prior notice of the testing date and time.

Refusal to Test or Tampering
A student who refuses to be tested when selected, or who is determined to have tampered with a sample, shall be deemed to have a positive test result and shall be subject to the appropriate consequences outlined in this policy.

A student selected for testing who leaves campus without permission or otherwise fails to participate in the drug test without justification as determined by the District shall be considered to have a positive test result and shall be subject to the appropriate consequences outlined in this policy.

If a selected student is otherwise absent on the day of the drug testing, the student may be required to be tested upon return to school or on the next date that random drug testing occurs.

Confirmation of Positive Results
Testing a submitted sample is a two-step process. If the initial test is positive, it will be confirmed by a second test on the same sample. A sample shall not be reported as positive unless both tests are positive. The laboratory will return the test results of all students tested to the District as soon as possible. If a test result is positive, the appropriate Principal will immediately contact the student and the student's parents/guardians.

Appeal Process
Within seventy-two hours of being notified of a test result, parents/guardians of any participant testing positive shall have an opportunity to request an administrative review by the Medical Review Officer. Parents/guardians may provide any doctor's prescriptions of any drugs that the student was taking that might have affected the outcome of the test and may request a retest. The Medical Review Officer will review the student's medical records that are made available to confirm whether a positive test resulted from any legally prescribed medications

Upon such a request, the urine and/or saliva sample from the second bottle originally obtained shall be retested by the same lab and method as the previous test. If the retest is negative, the participant shall remain in good standing. If the retest is positive, the parents/guardians will be responsible for the cost of the retest, and the participant shall be subject to consequences outlined in this policy. If a parent/guardian fails to make a request for a retest in 72 hours of receiving notice of a positive result, the appeals process will be waived and the second sample will not be tested.

While appealing the results of a positive test result, a student's suspension from participation in extracurricular activities or being allowed to drive a vehicle on campus shall not be deferred pending the outcome of an appeal.

Drug Abuse Prevention
The District shall notify the parent and student of substance abuse prevention resources available in the area.

Consequences
Consequences of positive test results shall be cumulative throughout the student's enrollment in the District. A student who has a confirmed positive drug test shall be subject to the following consequences:

<u>First Offense-</u> Upon receiving a first offense confirmed positive test result, the student shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities, and parking permit suspended (if applicable), for 14 calendar days following the date the student and parent/guardian are notified of the test results. The student shall also attend mandatory, scheduled appointments with the campus guidance counselor to discuss intervention/deterrence strategies. The student shall be retested on the next two random test dates after the end of the required suspension, so long as the student wishes to participate in

extracurricular activities or park a vehicle on school property. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitions or performances.

Second Offense- Upon receiving a second offense confirmed positive test result, the student shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities, and parking permit suspended (if applicable), for 42 calendar days following the date the student and parent/guardian are notified of the test results. The student shall also attend mandatory, scheduled appointments with the campus guidance counselor to discuss intervention/deterrence strategies. The student shall also attend six hours of a district approved drug counseling program at the expense of the parent/student. The student shall be retested on the next two random test dates after the end of the required suspension, so long as the student wishes to participate in extracurricular activities or park a vehicle on school property. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitions or performances.

Third Offense- Upon receiving a third offense confirmed positive test result, the student shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities, and parking permit suspended, for one calendar year following the date the student and parent/guardian are notified of the test results. The student shall be retested on all random test dates after the end of the required suspension for one calendar year, so long as the student wishes to participate in extracurricular activities or park a vehicle on school property. The student shall also attend twenty hours of a district approved drug counseling program at the expense of the parent/student, while also participating in scheduled visits with the campus guidance counselor. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitions or performances.

Fourth Offense- Upon receiving a fourth conformed positive test, the student shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities, and parking privileges revoked (if applicable), for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the VMISD.

Appeals
Other than a positive test result that must be appealed in accordance with this policy, a student or their parent/guardian may appeal a decision made under this policy in accordance with FNG (LOCAL). The student shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular competition or reinstatement of parking privileges while the appeal is pending.

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Valley Mills ISD PARENTAL CONSENT FOR DRUG TESTING PROGRAM
(Return hard copy form or submit electronically to *Rank One* on or before September 4, 2026.)

I, _____as a parent or guardian of_____, a student enrolled in Valley Mills ISD, do hereby agree to the following for the duration of his/her enrollment in Valley Mills ISD.

I understand Valley Mills ISD's policy regarding substance abuse. I understand that it is the practice of Valley Mills ISD to conduct a drug test at the beginning of each school year and that Valley Mills ISD may also conduct random and reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol tests, unannounced throughout the school year for the purpose of carrying out this policy.

I understand that my child cannot be compelled to give a urine and/or saliva sample.

I understand that if he/she gives a sample, it will be tested for illegal drugs and/or alcohol.

I understand that the giving of a urine and/or saliva specimen, when requested by Valley Mills ISD, is a condition of my child's continued participation in grades 7-12 competitive extracurricular activities or driving a vehicle to any Valley Mills ISD campus.

I understand that if my child fails to provide a sample, or his/her sample reveals an unexplained presence of an illegal drug and/or alcohol, Valley Mills ISD will implement the steps associated with the VMISD Extracurricular/Parking Permit Substance Abuse Policy.

Comments: At this time, I hereby grant my consent for my child to give a urine and/or saliva sample for the purpose of drug/alcohol testing for the 2026-2027 school year.

Printed name of parent/guardian:_____ Date:_____

Parent/guardian signature:_____ Date:_____

Printed name of student:_____ Date:_____

Student signature:_____ Date:_____