

Angleton ISD Random Drug Testing Policy

The following is provided to better understand the drug testing program that was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Why did Angleton ISD initiate a Student Drug Testing Program?

The District determined that the use or misuse of illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or alcohol among students in grades 7-12 is a problem within the schools and community. Information gathered from surveys administered to the student body and from other reliable sources within the community indicates that such use is prevalent within all segments of the student population, including those who participate in competitive extra-curricular activities and those who drive to school. The District determined a need to implement a program of random testing of students in grades 7 - 12 as a condition of their participation in competitive extracurricular activities and/or as a condition of obtaining/maintaining a permit to park on campus.

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:

- o to promote the health and safety of all students,
- o to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students involved in extracurricular activities to refuse to use illegal drugs,
- o to encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs, and
- o eliminate the impact 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 extra-curricular activity and/or park a permitted vehicle on campus are subject to the testing program. UIL Activities including athletics, academic competitions, band, choir, art, National Honor Society, etc.

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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 or have parking privileges at Angleton 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.

What happens if a student is absent on the day he or she is chosen for testing?

Any student identified for random testing on a given date that, because of illness or any other legitimate reason, leaves school before being selected will be included in the next random screen.

What happens if a student is selected for testing and does not complete the testing process?

Any student identified for random testing, who does not complete the testing process, will be considered a refusal and to have tested positive.

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 no less than 15 times during the school year.

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?

Pinnacle laboratory 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

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determine if there is a medical explanation for the positive test result within 3 days of being notified of the test results.

Who actually does the collection process?

Pinnacle employees will oversee the collection of samples.

What about privacy and confidentiality and where are samples being collected?

The collection and coding of specimen samples is done in a manner that ensures proper identification and confidentiality. The Pinnacle 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 Pinnacle.

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 alcohol; amphetamines/methamphetamines (speed, uppers, diet pills); anabolic steroids (performance-enhancing drugs); barbiturates (downers, sleeping pills); benzodiazepines (Valium, Librium); cannabinoid (marijuana); cocaine metabolites; hallucinogens (LSD); MDMA (Ecstasy); Methadone; nicotine; opiates (heroin, morphine, codeine); phencyclidine (PCP, angel dust); propoxyphene (Darvon). Angleton ISD reserves the right to test for any and all illegal or controlled substances as determined at the discretion of the district.

What are the consequences for a positive test?

First Offense

The student testing positive through random drug testing will be suspended from all competitive after school extracurricular practices, performances, competitions, activities, and/or driving privileges for 15 school days. The Principal will arrange for a conference between the student, parent/guardian, appropriate sponsor(s), and the student's assistant principal to discuss the offense. The student will be provided with a list of outside resources that deal with educating and counseling students on drug and alcohol abuse. Any costs associated with private counseling are the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian. During this period of suspension, the student will undergo another drug test. If the results of the test are negative the student will be allowed to practice and participate in performances, competitions, activities, and/or regain driving privileges at the end of the 15 school day suspension period. If the student has a second or subsequent positive result in the next drug testing, this will count as a second offense and the principal and coordinator will be notified to determine the frequency of additional drug testing and when the student can regain his/her eligibility.

Second Offense

The student testing positive for a second time will be suspended from all competitive after school extracurricular practices, performances, competitions, and/or activities, and/or driving privileges for a period of 45 school days. The Principal will arrange for a conference between the student, parent/guardian, appropriate sponsor(s) and the student's assistant principal to discuss the second offense. The student will be provided a list of outside resources that deal with educating and

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counseling students on drug and alcohol abuse. Any costs associated with private drug abuse counseling are the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian. During this period of suspension, the student will undergo another drug test. If the results of these tests are negative, the student will be eligible to practice and participate in performances, competitions, activities, and/or regain driving privileges following the end of the suspension period of 45 school days. If the student has a third or subsequent positive result in the next drug testing, this will count as a third offense and the Principal and coordinator will be notified to determine the frequency of additional drug testing and when the student can regain his/her eligibility.

Third Offense

The student testing positive for the third time will be suspended from all competitive after school extracurricular practices, performances, competitions, activities and/or driving privileges for 180 school days. The Principal will arrange for a conference between the student, parent/guardian, appropriate sponsor(s), and the student's assistant principal to discuss the offense. The student will be provided with a list of outside resources that deal with education and counseling students on drug and alcohol abuse. Any costs associated with private counseling are the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian. The student will undergo another drug test prior to the beginning of the next school year. If the results of the tests are negative, the student will be eligible to practice and participate in performances, competitions, activities, and/or regain driving privileges when the activity begins.

What is the process for appeals?

Should a student and/or parent or person otherwise in lawful control of the student elect to appeal a positive test result, a request must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent within three days of receiving notice of the positive results. In such cases, the student and/or parent or person otherwise in lawful control of the student shall assume responsibility for payment of all fees related to the second test.

The student or parent may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the positive test result. The appeal notice must be filed in writing. On a form provided by the district within three days after the receipt of the test results. The Superintendent or designee will hold a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. At the conference, the superintendent or designee shall consider only the issues and documents presented and identified in the appeal notice. The Superintendent or designee shall have ten days following the conference to provide the student or parent a written report. During the appeal, the student will remain suspended from the extracurricular activity and parking privileges will also be revoked pending the outcome of the second test.

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