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"Champions for Kids"

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the district's drug testing policy for students in grades 7 – 12 who choose to participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities or request a permit to park a vehicle on school property. The Panhandle ISD Board of Trustees believe that maintaining an environment that is safe, free from tobacco and illegal substance abuse. Conducive learning is an important goal for the district and community. This policy and the program that it supports are designed not for punitive measures, but to eliminate the potential threat to the student's health and safety that can occur if students are using or under the influence of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs. We want the testing program to deter tobacco, drug and alcohol use and help students live drug-free healthy lives. Please note the following key points of the program:

1. Students participating in an extracurricular activity or who request a permit to park a vehicle on school property shall be tested at the beginning of each school year.

2. Screenings may include tobacco, alcohol and numerous illegal drugs.

3. Participating students will be subject to testing each year in which they participate in any extracurricular activity or utilize parking privileges at the school.

4. Random testing will occur as many as 10 times during the school year.

5. Testing will take place in a confidential location at the school. Results will be confidential and will be disclosed only to the student, the student's parents, and designated district officials.

6. Students will not be notified in advance of any random drug test.

7. All selected students will be required to provide a urine sample.

8. If a student refuses to provide a sample, they will be deemed to have a positive test result.

9. Students who test positive will receive consequences listed in the policy and must pass an additional drug test prior to reinstatement of privileges.

The drug testing policy FNF (REGULATION) can be found and read in its entirety on the district website at www.panhandleisd.net under the Extra Curricular link. If you have any questions, please contact the school principal and/or the superintendent.

Each student in grades 7-12 participating in the drug testing program as a participant in an extracurricular activity and/or to receive driving/parking privileges on campus shall be provided with a copy of the Panhandle Independent School District drug testing policy FNF (Local) and the "Drug Testing Consent Form" which shall be read, signed, and dated by the student and/or parent or custodial guardian. Before the student is eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity and/or to drive or park a vehicle on campus, this form must be on file. Student and parent consent shall be required to provide a saliva or urine sample to be tested for illegal drugs, as chosen by the random/specific selection basis.

I understand after having read the "Drug Use Testing Procedures" and the "Drug Test Consent Form", that, out of concern for my safety and health, the Panhandle Independent School District enforces the rules applying to the use of illegal drugs. I realize that the personal decisions I make daily in regard to the use of tobacco/illegal drugs may affect my health and well-being as well as the possible endangerment of those around me and reflect upon any organization with which I am associated. If I choose to violate school policy regarding the use of illegal drugs, I understand that I will be subject to the restrictions of my participation in extracurricular activities and/or driving and parking on campus as outline in the policy.

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Student's Full Name (Last, First, Middle)

We have read and understand the Panhandle Independent School District drug testing policy and the "Drug Testing Consent Form." We desire that _____ participate in the extracurricular activities of the Panhandle Independent School District and/or park or drive a vehicle on the school campus. We understand that such participation and/or driving and parking on campus is conditioned upon our child participating in the drug-testing program required by the District, and we hereby agree for him/her to be subject to its terms as described in the drug testing policy.

We accept the method of obtaining samples, testing and analysis of such specimens, and all other aspects of the program. We further agree and consent to the reporting of the results as provided in the program.

_____ is taking the following prescription medications on a continuing basis:

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Signature of Student_____

Signature of Parent or Custodial Guardian_____

Date_____