

Evant Public Schools
Evant, Texas

**DETERRENTS TO THE USE OF
ILLEGAL DRUGS
2014-2015**

OBJECTIVES

- To educate students and adults regarding the serious physical, mental, and emotional harm caused by the use of drugs.
- To provide a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs by students of Evant ISD.
- To provide students a valid reason to resist peer pressure to use drugs.
- To maintain a school environment free of drug use and its effects.

INTRODUCTION

When a student makes a commitment to participate in extracurricular activities, they are making a decision to represent not only Evant I.S.D. but also the community of Evant, Texas. This added responsibility should be taken seriously and comes with additional student responsibilities. Because of these beliefs, each student, as a member of an extracurricular organization, shall be expected to be drug, alcohol and tobacco free, both at school and in the community (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

Should a student who participates in extracurricular activities use, possess or be under the influence of any type of prohibited substance on school property or at a school related event, school policy and state law will be followed and the student will be appropriately disciplined in addition to the consequences listed in this policy.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

The use, sale, or offer to sell, purchase, transfer, manufacture, or possession in any detectable manner of an illegal drug or alcohol, by any student, is strictly prohibited.

The sale, offer to sell, purchase, transfer, manufacture, or possession of drug paraphernalia by any student, is strictly prohibited.

STUDENT NOTIFICATION

Students shall be informed of the EISD Random Drug Test Policy, and will be required to complete and submit a consent form as a condition of participation in extracurricular activities as defined in this policy.

DRUG TESTING

Participants

Students, grades seven through twelve, who attend Evant ISD, and participate in extracurricular activities, and all other students grades six through twelve who volunteer to be tested. Extracurricular organizations which will participate in the drug testing program include but are not limited to the following: UIL Athletics, Academic Clubs, and Music; Cheerleading; Student Government; Beta Club; FCCLA; FFA; 4H; all other campus clubs, activities, and organizations.

CONTRACT

The district requires drug testing of any student in grades 6-12 who chooses to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities. Other students in grades 6-12 may volunteer to participate in the program. A student participating in extracurricular activities shall receive an entrance test for the presence of prohibited substances prior to the 2011-2012 school year. Students who enter the District or who begin extracurricular activities after entrance tests have been administered shall be permitted to participate, pending testing at the next random testing date. All participants shall be subject to random testing throughout the school year.

Parental consent for a 6th – 12th grade student to submit to biological testing is required as a condition of participation in extra-curricular activities. Refusal by a student or his/her parent/guardian to submit to biological testing, or intentional avoidance of testing will enact the same consequences as if the student had tested positive for an illegal substance.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

Testing will be conducted by certified professionals, and lab work will be performed at a government certified lab. Students will be required to produce a urine sample. Students and/or parents/guardians will have the opportunity to provide information concerning prescription medication being taken by the student. If the student is absent on the day of the random test, a sample from that student shall be collected on the next random testing date. The EISD student drug test may test for a variety of illegal substances including but not limited to the following: Amphetamine/Methamphetamine; Marijuana (THC); Cocaine; Opiates/Morphine; Phencyclidine (PCP); Barbiturates; Benzodiazepine; Propoxyphene; Methadone; Methaqualone; MDMA (Ecstasy); Anabolic Steroids; Inhalants; and Ethyl Alcohol.

CONFIRMATION OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

Testing of a urine specimen is a two-step process. If the initial screening tests positive, it will be confirmed by a second test, using the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry technique, on the same specimen. A sample shall not be reported as positive unless both tests are positive. The student or parent shall have until noon of the calendar day following the notification to provide a medical explanation for a positive result.

NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE TEST

In the event of a positive test, the testing company will contact the EISD administrative contact person. School administration will then notify the student and parent or guardian.

VERIFICATION TESTING

The parent/guardian of any student testing positive will have the option to request verification testing of the original urine sample. The request for a verification test must be submitted on the appropriate form within forty-eight hours of the original notification of positive test results. Parents may choose a different Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) certified lab to be used for the verification test. If the results of the verification test are negative, the student will return to the status of "Good Standing". The parent/guardian is responsible for the cost of the verification test.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information relating to biological testing or the identification of persons as users of illegal drugs will be protected by Evant ISD as confidential, unless otherwise required by law, overriding public health and safety concerns, or authorized in writing by the person (parent or guardian) in question. Activity sponsors and coaches will be notified of suspension from activities, after any necessary verification process is completed. Activity sponsors may include but are not limited to: Athletic Director, UIL Director, Band Director, and Sponsors of all school organizations.

CONSEQUENCES

If a student incurs consequences due to a positive drug test, he/she will complete the requirements associated with the level of offense, before being restored to "Good Standing" and returning to activities. Should the student test positive another time while being enrolled on the same campus as the previous positive tests occurred, the student will advance to the next level of consequences. If all requirements due to positive test results are completed while in Junior High, the student will start the 9th grade with a clean record. Should the student test positive in High School after being restored to a clean record, he/she will incur 1st offense consequences. Beginning 9th grade, students who have not yet completed all requirements due to a positive drug test in Junior High, will complete all requirements prior to being restored to "Good Standing", and returned to activities. Upon promotion to High School, and when all Junior High requirements have been met, the student will return to "Good Standing" status and start again with a clean record.

Should a student in an extra-curricular organization:

- a) test positive for illegal drug use,
- b) receive any citation related to illegal drugs,
- c) admit to the use, possession or being under the influence of drugs,
- d) the parent of the student in question admits to their child using, possessing or being under the influence of illegal drugs, the following consequences will occur:

1st OFFENSE

- A.) Parental notification by principal.
- B.) Another test at the next testing date and at the time of each random testing, for one calendar year from the date of the original positive test.
- C.) Mandatory substance abuse counseling, phase one, conducted by the District. Further counseling desired by parents/guardians shall be done at the expense of the Parents/guardians.
- D.) Suspension from participation in all activities, competitions, and extracurricular performances for **20 school days**. Students are allowed to practice during the 20-day suspension. The suspension shall begin immediately following notification of positive test results. Students testing positive shall be administered another test prior to the end of the 20-day suspension period, and shall be reinstated to the status of "good standing," and shall begin competing in activities after the 20-day period if the test reveal cessation of drug use by the student, required counseling is completed, and all other requirements have been met in full.

2nd OFFENSE

- A. Parent Notification by Principal.
- B. Another test at the next testing date and at the time of each random testing, for one calendar year from the date of the original positive test.
- C. Mandatory Substance Abuse Counseling, phase two, as determined by Evant ISD. Further counseling desired by parent/guardians will be done at the expense of the parents/guardians.
- D. Suspension from participation in all activities, competitions, and extracurricular performances for **60 school days**. Students are allowed to practice during the 60 day suspension. Students testing positive will be administered another test prior to the end of the 60 day suspension period, and will be reinstated to the status of "Good Standing", and will begin competing in activities, after the 60 day period, if the test reveals cessation of drug use by the student, required counseling is completed, and all other requirements have been met in full.

3rd OFFENSE

And Recurring Offenses

- A. Parent Notification by Principal.
- B. Another test at the next testing date and at the time of each random testing, for one calendar year from the date of the original positive test.
- C. Mandatory Substance Abuse Counseling, phase two, as determined by Evant ISD. Further counseling desired by parent/guardians will be done at the expense of the parents/guardians.
- D. Suspension from participation in all activities, competitions, and extracurricular performances for one calendar year. Students will **not** be allowed to practice during the suspension period. Student will be retested at the end of the suspension period, if the test reveals cessation of drug use by the student, required counseling is completed, and all other requirements have been met in full, student will be reinstated to the status of "Good Standing".

Any student testing positive will be required to be tested, at the time of each random testing, for one calendar year from the date of the original positive test.

Students leaving school and then returning to school, who tested positive during the school year must be tested prior to the start of school and participate in the random testing.

A Parent requesting a second opinion must pay for the second test.

DEFINITIONS

- **Activities** - Clubs and organizations, band, athletic programs, cheerleading, academic activities, one act play, including all performances, contests, demonstrations, and other events of these mentioned activities.
- **Biological Testing** - for this plan, the scientific analysis of urine (with the exception of reasonable suspicion tests for alcohol, which may be conducted by a urinalysis, breathalyzer, or saliva test) for the purpose of detecting an illegal drug or alcohol.
- **Extra-curricular Activities** - UIL Athletics, Academic Clubs, and Music; Cheerleading; Student Government; Beta Club; FCCLA; FFA; 4H; all other campus clubs, activities, and organizations.
- **Good Standing** - Having met requirements in order to be able to pursue all educational and extra-curricular activities as are available, with no restrictions or consequences.
- **Prohibited Substances** - any drug which is not legally obtainable; any drug which is legally obtainable, but has not been legally obtained; any prescribed drug not being used for the prescribed purpose; any over-the-counter drug being used at a dosage level different than recommended by the manufacturer, being used for a purpose other than intended by the manufacturer; and any drug being used for a purpose not in accordance with bona fide medical therapy. Examples of prohibited substances include, but are not limited to: Amphetamine/Methamphetamine; Marijuana (THC); Cocaine; Opiates/Morphine; Phencyclidine (PCP); Barbiturates; Benzodiazepine; Propoxyphene; Methadone; Methaqualone; MDMA (Ecstasy); Anabolic Steroids; Inhalants; and Ethyl Alcohol.

EXTRACURRICULAR BIOLOGICAL TESTING –
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
EVANT ISD

All 6-12 grade students, who participate in extra-curricular activities, are required to complete and return this form.

I _____ as parent or guardian of _____, a student enrolled in Evant Secondary School hereby agree to the following for the duration of his/her enrollment at Evant ISD:

I understand the school district's policy regarding substance abuse. I understand that it is the practice of the district to conduct drug and/or alcohol tests for the purpose of carrying out this policy.

I understand that my child cannot be compelled to give a biological specimen. I understand that if he/she gives a biological specimen, it will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol. I understand that the giving of biological specimen, when requested by the district, is a condition of my child's being in good standing, and is a condition of my child's continued participation in Secondary School extra-curricular activities. I understand that if a test of my child's specimen reveals the presence of a prohibited substance and/or alcohol, the district will implement the steps associated with the drug testing policy.

My child is currently taking the following prescription drugs as prescribed: _____

Comments: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Date

VOLUNTARY BIOLOGICAL TESTING –
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
EVANT ISD

Parents of students not participating in extracurricular activities may choose to have their child participate in the random student drug testing program. These students would participate in an initial baseline testing. Thereafter, they would be in the pool of students chosen randomly for periodic testing.

Consequences for students involved in the Volunteer testing program would be limited to those listed under letter "A" in the Drug Testing Policy.

All 6-12 grade students, who are participating in the Volunteer Drug Testing program, are required to complete and return this form.

I _____ as parent or guardian of _____, a student enrolled in Evant Secondary School hereby agree to the following for the duration of his/her enrollment at Evant ISD:

I understand the school district's policy regarding substance abuse. I understand that it is the practice of the district to conduct drug and/or alcohol tests for the purpose of carrying out this policy.

I understand that my child cannot be compelled to give a biological specimen. I understand that if he/she gives a biological specimen, it will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol. I understand that if a test of my child's specimen reveals a presence of a prohibited substance and/or alcohol, the district will implement the steps associated with the drug testing policy.

My child is currently taking the following prescription drugs as prescribed: _____

Comments: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Date