

# BELLEVUE ISD DRUG TESTING POLICY

2023-2024

# Mandatory Drug Testing Program

- Students in grades 6-12
  - Extracurricular activities, transfers
  - Commuter Parking, Volunteer Program
  
- Extracurricular Activities Include but not limited to:
  - Graduation program,
  - UIL Athletics, UIL Academics/OAP
  - FFA, FCCLA, Yearbook, NHS, NJHS, StuCo,

# Scope of Program

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- Testing for presence of illegal drugs and alcohol
  - Beginning of the school year
  - Prior to joining an extra-curricular program
  - Random throughout the school year

# Purpose of Program

- Participation is a privilege
- Drugs and alcohol are hazardous to the health, safety, and welfare of students
- Four Main purposes
  - Provide for the health and safety of all students
  - Serve as a deterrent to the use of alcohol and drugs
  - Counterbalance the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse
  - Encourage students who use illegal drugs to participate in drug treatment programs

# FNF (Local) Policy

- Access to FNF Local Policy on Bellevue School website

[www.bellevueisd.org](http://www.bellevueisd.org)

- Consent Form

Must be signed by parent and student in order for student to compete

Adult students (18 years old) may sign without parents

# Use of Results

- Used to determine eligibility for participation, driving on campus
  - No disciplinary sanctions or academic penalties
- Does not limit state law, local policy, or Student Code of Conduct
  - Disciplinary offenses, such as possession of illegal drugs, shall result in consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct

# Confidentiality

- Results disclosed **only** to
  - Student
  - Student's parent or guardian
  - Designated District officials who need the information in order to administer the drug-testing program
- Will not be kept in student's academic record
- Results shall not be otherwise disclosed except as required by law

# Testing Laboratory

- DATCS (Drug & Alcohol Testing Compliance Services)

Certified drug testing laboratory

- Substances for which tests are conducted

Amphetamines

Methamphetamines

Cocaine

Marijuana

Opiates

Benzodiazepines

PCP

Methadone

MDMA



Oxycodone

Propoxyphene

# Random Testing

- As many as 10 dates throughout the school year
  - No less than 20% and no more than 35%
  - The drug-testing lab shall use random selection method to identify students chosen for random testing.
  - No prior notice of the testing date for random testing

# Refusal to Test or Tampering

- Refusal to test
  - Deemed as a positive test result
- Tampered with a sample
  - Deemed as a positive test result
- Absent student on day of testing
  - Sample will be collected on next random testing date

# Confirmation of Results

- Initial tests shall be confirmed by a second test of the same specimen before being reported as positive.
- District receives positive test results:
  - Meeting with student, student's parent/guardian (if under 18), coach or sponsor of extra-curricular activity
  - Review test results and discuss consequences
- Student or parent/guardian have 5 school days following the meeting to provide medical explanation for a positive result.

# Retesting and Returning to Activity

- Returning to extra-curricular activity after positive test result

Student must retest at the end of the period of suspension and have a negative test result Student may return to extracurricular activities/competitions after days of suspension are completed.

Student will be retested on each random testing date for varying periods based upon the number of offenses until three consecutive negative tests are achieved

# Drug Abuse Prevention

- District shall notify student and parent/guardian of approved drug and alcohol abuse counseling programs

All programs required for reinstatement to extra-curricular activities shall be at the student's expense

# Consequences

## □ 1<sup>st</sup> Offense

Suspension from extra-curricular activity **until 1-hour approved alcohol and drug abuse counseling program is completed.**

**Must provide verification to the District Suspended from driving on school property until a negative test result is achieved.**

## □ During suspension:

Student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances

## □ Student shall be retested at each random testing date **for the remainder of the school year.** A second offense can **NOT** result on the first random test date after the first offense if random test given within 30 days.

# Consequences

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense -
  - Suspension from extra-curricular activities for 30 calendar days 6 weeks following the parent/guardian and student notification of positive test results
  - 3-hour drug and alcohol abuse counseling program and student must provide verification to the district
  - Suspended from driving on school property until a negative test result is achieved.
- During suspension:
  - Student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.
- Student shall be retested at each random testing date for the next calendar year following the notification to student and parent/guardian until three consecutive negative tests are achieved



# Consequences

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense

Suspension from extra-curricular activities for 365 calendar days following the notification of positive test results to student and parent/guardian

Suspended from driving on school property until a negative test result is achieved.

- During suspension:

Student may **NOT** participate in practices or competitions/performances

- Student shall be retested at each random testing date **for the remainder of their District enrollment** until three consecutive negative tests are achieved

# Consequences

- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense

Suspension from participation in any extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District

Suspended from driving on school property until a negative test result is achieved.

# End-of-Semester Suspensions

- If suspension is not completed by the end of the semester, the student shall complete the assigned period of suspension during the following semester or during the first semester of the following school year.

# Appeals

- Student and parent/guardian may appeal a decision made under this policy in accordance with FNG (Local).
- Student shall be ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities while the appeal is pending.

# Voluntary Testing

- Minor students who are not subject to drug testing in accordance with this policy, but whose parent or guardian wants them to be drug tested, may participate in the District's voluntary random drug-testing program. Students who are 18 and older may also participate at their own request.
- To register:
  - Submit a written request to the Superintendent with signed consent forms
- Voluntary students will be tested in the same manner as other students in the extra-curricular testing program.

# Effective Discipline Policy

- Nothing in this policy limits or prohibits the application of Board policy providing for disciplinary action for students using, under the influence of, in possession of, or distributing illegal drugs on school property or at school events.

# Contact Information

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