

Student Drug Testing**

Definitions

“Drug”: Any substance considered illegal under Oregon laws or which is controlled by the Food and Drug Administration; and alcohol.

“Athlete”: Any Madras High student participating in the District’s interscholastic athletic program including cheerleaders.

“Season”: Fall, winter, and spring seasons begin the first day of practice and end the day prior to the next season as determined by the Oregon School Activities Association.

“Positive Test”: The presence of any level of illegal drugs other than prescription medications.

Procedures:

Consent

Each student involved in interscholastic athletics or cheerleading will be required to provide a signed consent form prior to joining the program. Both student and parent/guardian signatures are required.

Nonpunitive Nature of Policy

Students will not be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs under this policy. Nor will athlete drug tests be documented in any student’s academic records. The information gathered under this policy will only be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities in order to comply with lawful court orders or subpoenas. In the event of such legal compulsion, the district will notify parents/guardians at least 72 hours prior to releasing information.

Testing Rules:

1. All student athletes, including cheerleaders, will be tested at the beginning of any athletic season at the discretion of the superintendent. Students joining a program after the season starts will be tested if the rest of the team was earlier;
2. Additionally, random testing will be conducted at least every two weeks throughout each season at the superintendent’s discretion.

A minimum of five percent and a maximum of ten percent of each season’s athletes will be tested at each test period as determined by the superintendent.

Procedures for Testing:

1. Selection for testing will be by random procedures from a pool of all current participants. The superintendent will take due precautions to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the selection process. No individual involved in the selection process will be able to identify students or to determine the selection of a particular student for testing.
2. The high school athletic coordinator will be notified on the day students are selected for testing and will arrange for samples to be taken the same day. Absent students may provide the sample the day they return to school. Any student unable to provide a sample will be allowed to return later the same day for that purpose. Those selected for testing will be given the option of doing so in private.
3. Students who refuse to provide a sample or provide an altered sample will be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the procedures listed below.
4. Samples will be split and sealed at the time of collection. One (the original) will be tested at Mountain View Hospital. The other is to be used for confirmation of all positive results at a second laboratory. Original positive samples will be sealed and maintained for one year and the Mountain View Hospital laboratory.

Prescription Medications

Students on prescription medications may provide a copy of the prescription or a physician's written verification to school personnel at the time a sample is collected. Any information provided in this manner will be sealed in an envelope and forwarded to the testing lab with the sample and instructions to consider the medication in processing the sample. Prescriptions or doctor's verifications will not be reviewed by school officials and may be presented in sealed envelopes. Students who do not provide verification and test positive will be subject to the measures specified.

Scope of Tests and Confidentiality of Results

The laboratory will be instructed to test for one or more drugs at the time of each testing and prior to the student selection process. Samples will not be screened for the presence of any substances other than drugs or for the existence of conditions other than those related to drug use.

Test results will only be provided to the superintendent or his designee. All test information will be treated confidentially.

Positive Results

Whenever an athlete's results indicate the presence of drugs (positive test), the following steps will be taken:

1. The student will be asked if he/she wishes to have the original sample re-tested. If not, the results shall be considered accurate.
2. If the original tests negative, the student will be notified and no further action will be taken. If the sample tests positive, a parent/guardian will be notified and a meeting will be scheduled with the

superintendent (or designee), the student, the parent/guardian and the principal. The purpose of this meeting shall be to implement the procedures noted as follows.

First Positive Result

For the first positive test, the student will be given the option of participation in a drug assistance program and submission to biweekly drug testing for eight weeks (regardless of whether or not the season ends prior to the eight weeks), or suspension from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season. If the student elects biweekly testing, positive results after four weeks or inadequate progress in the intervention program after two weeks will be considered failing and the student will be immediately suspended from the athletic program and considered ineligible for the next season.

Second Positive Result

For the second positive test in any two consecutive calendar years, the student will be suspended from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next two athletic seasons for which the student is eligible.

Third Positive Result

For the third positive result in any two consecutive calendar years, the student will be suspended from athletics for the remainder of the current season and the next three seasons for which the student is eligible. Relationship to Student Conduct Policy JFC - Student Code of Conduct and JG - Student Discipline), Substance Abuse Policy JFCH - Alcohol and JFCI - Substance/Drug Abuse), and Student Activities and Athletics Policy IGDJ - Interscholastic Athletics).

Student athletes should be advised that each of the above policies may also affect their eligibility. Normal disciplinary measures still are applicable for violations which do not arise from these testing procedures.