

Student Drug Testing – Extracurricular Activity Participants**

Definitions

1. “Illegal drug” is any drug which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under state law, or as defined in schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 812) including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and phencyclidine (PCP). As used in this policy, “illegal drug” also means possession, use, sale or supply of prescription and nonprescription medication - in violation of Board policy JHCD/JHCDA - Medications and accompanying administrative regulation. “Illegal drug” shall also include alcohol.
2. “Performance-enhancing drug” includes anabolic steroids and any other natural or synthetic substance used to increase muscle mass, strength, endurance, speed or other athletic ability. The term “performance-enhancing drug” does not include dietary or nutritional supplements such as vitamins, minerals and proteins which can be lawfully purchased in over-the-counter transactions.
3. “Prescription medication” means any non-injectable drug, chemical compound, suspension or preparation in suitable form for use as a curative or remedial substance taken either internally or externally by a student under the written direction of a physician. Prescription medication does not include dietary food supplements.
4. “Nonprescription medication” means only commercially prepared, non-alcohol-based medication to be taken at school that is necessary for the student to remain in school. This shall be limited to eyes, nose and cough drops, cough suppressants, analgesics, decongestants, antihistamines, topical antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and antacids that do not require written or oral instructions from a physician. Nonprescription medication does not include dietary food supplements.

Consent

Each student wishing to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities and the student’s parent(s) shall consent in writing to drug testing. Written consent shall be in the form attached to this administrative regulation. No student shall be allowed to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities without such consent.

Selection

All student athletes and extracurricular activity participants may be tested at the beginning of the athletic season or extracurricular activity in which they participate. In addition, selection for random testing will be by lottery from a pool of all students participating in athletic and/or extracurricular activity programs in the district.

The superintendent shall take reasonable steps to assure the integrity, confidentiality and random nature of the selection process including, but not limited to, assuring that:

1. The names of all participating students are in the pool;
2. The person drawing names has no way of knowingly choosing or failing to choose particular students for testing; and
3. The identity of students drawn for testing is not known to those involved in the selection process.

Testing

Testing will be conducted by a laboratory selected by the district. Chain of custody procedures, as recommended by the laboratory, will be followed.

Samples will be collected at a mutually convenient time on the same day the student is selected for testing. An alternate method of testing may be used if the student fails to provide a urine sample. Students who refuse to provide a sample will be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the procedures listed below.

The testing laboratory will test for one or more illegal or performance-enhancing drugs. The superintendent shall decide prior to selection of students which illegal or performance-enhancing drugs shall be screened. Samples will not be screened for the presence of any substance other than an illegal or performance-enhancing drug or for the existence of any physical condition other than drug intoxication.

Samples will be split at the time of testing. The duplicate samples will be sealed and maintained by the laboratory in the event a second test is requested.

The testing laboratory will report results only to the superintendent or his/her designee.

Positive Test Results

If the student's test results indicate the presence of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs, the following will occur:

1. The student or parent may request within 72 hours of a positive test notification that the second specimen sample be tested. The student may voluntarily disclose use of prescription medication which may have affected the outcome of the test;
2. If the second sample tests negative, the student and parent will be notified and no further action will be taken. If the second sample tests positive, notification will be made and a meeting will be scheduled with the student, the parent(s) and the principal.

Discipline

Due process procedures will be followed for all discipline arising from violation of the district's policy.

First Positive Result

1. Notify student and parent(s);
2. Meeting scheduled by the principal, with the parent(s), activities director, and student;
3. The student will be given the option of:
 - a. Voluntary participation and successful completion of a drug assistance program and suspension from one contest with submission to follow-up drug testing as may be required, at parent expense;
 - OR
 - b. Suspension from participation in co-curricular activities for 21 days or 3 contests, whichever is longer.

Second Positive Result

1. Notify student and parent(s);
2. Meeting scheduled by the principal, with the parent(s), activities director, and student;
3. The student will be suspended from participating in co-curricular activities for 60 days or 3 contests, whichever is longer.

Third Positive Result

1. Notify student and parent(s);
2. Meeting scheduled by the principal, with the parent(s), activities director, and student;
3. The student will be suspended from participating in co-curricular activities for 120 days and/or the remainder of the contests for that school year.

Appeal Process

A student who has been determined to be in violation of the district's drug testing policy shall have the right to appeal the decision to the superintendent or his/her designee. The appeal must be submitted to the superintendent, in writing, within five calendar days following the meeting with the principal. The student will remain ineligible to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities pending the appeal.

The superintendent or his/her designee will determine whether the original finding was justified.

The superintendent's decision shall be final.

Relationship to Student Discipline Policies

Normal disciplinary measures which may affect eligibility are still applicable for violations which do not arise from these testing procedures.

Vale School District #84
Authorization to Test for Drug, Handbook and Acceptable Use

I understand that my performance in co-curricular activities and the reputation of my school are dependent, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules, and regulations set forth by Vale High School and the Vale School District Board of Directors.

I also authorize Vale School District to conduct a test on a urine specimen, which I provide to test for drugs and/or alcohol use. I also authorize the release of information concerning the results of such test to Vale School District and to the parents and/or guardians of the student. I understand that once this authorization is signed, I am eligible for drug testing for the remainder of the school year whether or not I am at the time participating in a co-curricular activity. This shall be deemed consent pursuant to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act for the release of the above information to the parties named above. In the event my child is selected for testing and is taking prescription medication, I give my consent for any medical provider to release information regarding any prescription drugs to the testing laboratory and Vale School District for the purpose of complying with this policy. I have received a copy of this release. I have read and understand the District's policy and related procedures for drug testing and consent to such testing.

I have read the Vale High School Student/Parent Handbook, the Athletic/Activity Handbook and I have read the Vale School District #84 Student Acceptable Use Regulations. I agree to follow the rules contained in these Regulations in both the use of Vale School District #84's network and the Internet. I understand that if I violate these rules, my privileges of using the network and/or Internet accounts through the Vale School District #84 may be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures. I agree to follow the rules and policies contained in the handbook and Athletic/Activity handbook. I understand that if I violate these rules or policies, I will be held accountable for my actions.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing above I agree to the following: Authorization to Drug Test Student/Athletic Handbook Acceptable Use Policy

I certify I have read the Vale High School Student/Parent Handbook, the Athletic/Activity Handbook and *Vale School District #84 Student Acceptable Use Regulations* and have discussed the contents with my child.

I will instruct my child regarding the rules set forth in the Vale High School Handbooks and *Vale School District #84 Student Acceptable Use Regulations*. I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

I understand that by signing this form, I am giving the Vale School District #84 permission to issue an Internet account for my child and certify that the information contained in this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

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