

Canton Independent School District

Student Drug Screening Policy

Objective

1. Prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
2. Help enforce a safe and drug-free educational environment
3. Deter student use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
4. Educate students regarding the harm caused by the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
5. Offer students a credible means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of illegal drugs and performance-enhancing drugs.
6. Provide a resource for support and assistance to any student who may be using illegal drugs, or performance-enhancing.

Applicability

This policy will apply to all District students in grades 7th-12th, who participate in extracurricular activities or who request a permit to park a vehicle on school property.

In addition to the random screening, a student may be required at any time to submit to a screening when the Campus Principal has a reasonable suspicion of a student engaged in using illegal substances.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) currently conducts random Steroid testing across the state. Any student that tests positive under the UIL screening will be subject to the same consequences of this policy.

Activities

Activities that are subject to Drug Screening including, but not limited to:

Archery, Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Choir, Cross Country, FCCLA, FFA, Fishing, Flag Corp, Football, Golf, One Act Play, Powerlifting, Softball, Students with Campus Parking Permit, Student Council, Tennis, Track & Field, UIL Academic Contests, Volleyball

A student that tests positive will not be eligible for any of the activities, including parking during the consequence phase. (e.g., If a student is participating in a sport, they also lose the parking privilege.)

Consent

The District shall conduct meetings that explain the Drug Screening Program prior to the beginning of each school year. These meetings are voluntary to parents and students.

Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or to receive a parking permit, the student shall be required annually to sign a consent form agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drug screening program. If the student is under the age of 18, the student's parent or guardian shall also sign a consent form. If appropriate consent is not given, the student shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or to receive a parking permit.

Substances

Alcoholic beverages, any harmful substance, any synthetic substance including herbal incense for the purpose of intoxication, narcotic drug, or other controlled substance in any form, except as prescribed by a licensed physician for legitimate medical purposes and prescribed to the student.

Collection

The collection procedure must be administered by trained professional specimen collectors maintaining the personal privacy rights of the student. Collections shall be monitored by qualified collectors with due privacy in the school's restroom facilities. If a specimen IS, in the opinion of the professional collector, adulterated, tainted, substituted or otherwise altered by the student prior to presenting it to the collector, the collection will then reflex to an observed collection. The observed collection shall be administered following D.O.T. Federally Regulated Collection Protocol and shall be administered by the trained and certified professional collector of the same sex as the donor.

Refusal to Submit

Any student who refuses to submit to a drug screening upon request shall be subjected to the same consequences as a Third Positive Screen. Failing to provide a specimen after 2 hours is also deemed a refusal.

Parental Notification

Parents will be notified when their child has had a screening that indicates traces of an illegal substance. There will be a mandatory meeting with the Parent, Student, Principal, Coach/Sponsor and Athletic Director to discuss the situation and develop a plan of action for the student. The student must submit to another drug screening at the next available screening within the district at the expense of the student.

Parents will be notified when their child has had a positive screening. There will be a mandatory meeting with the Parent, Student, Principal, Coach/Sponsor and Athletic Director to discuss the situation and consequences for the student.

Consequences for Positive Screenings

First Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the first time shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities and/or competitions and from parking on school property for a period of 90 school calendar days. However, the student must continue to participate in all practice sessions as determined by the sponsor or coach during the suspension. The student may not travel or be associated with any extracurricular activity during competitions.
2. A student who tests positive for the first time shall attend 4 mandatory substance abuse counseling sessions in a program approved by the district.
3. Following the 90 school calendar day suspension, the student shall submit to another drug test. This test must be negative prior to the student resuming participation in activity or parking. The cost of this test will be at the Student's expense.

4. A student testing positive, may reduce his or her 90 school day suspension by performing a required number of hours of community service. All community service hours must be pre-approved by the Campus Principal. Two hours will equate to a reduction of one day of suspension. The student must serve at least a 30 school day suspension from competition.

Second Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the second time shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities and/or competitions and from parking on school property for a period of 365 days. The student shall not be allowed to participate in any aspect of the activity including practice, travel, competition, etc.

2. A student who tests positive for the second time shall attend 8 mandatory substance abuse counseling sessions in a program approved by the district.

3. Following the 365 suspension, the student shall submit to another drug test. This test must be negative prior to the student resuming participation in activity or parking. The cost of this test will be at the Student's expense.

4. A student testing positive, may reduce his or her 365 school day suspension by performing a required number of hours of community service. All community service hours must be pre-approved by the Campus Principal. Two hours will equate to a reduction of one day of suspension. The student must serve at least a 180 school day suspension from competition.

Third Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the third time shall be not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity and will lose all parking privileges on school property for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District.

Additional Screening

If at any time the student tests positive, the student will be screened each time there is a Drug Screening for one calendar year. If any of these screenings are positive, this will count as an additional Positive Screening.

Failure to Comply With Additional Requirements

If a student fails to comply with the counseling requirements, additional testing, or additional consequences, this will be counted as an additional Positive Screening.

Coaches Discretion

The Head Coach or Sponsor of an activity will be given discretion on consequences, playing time, or dismissal from an individual activity.