



Lovejoy Independent School District
Random Drug and Alcohol Screening Test
Policy

Lovejoy Independent School District is strongly committed to drug and alcohol prevention education, to the creation of a safe environment for its students, and to providing a climate where all students can reach their maximum potential.

The use of illegal drugs and alcohol presents a threat to the safety, health, and well-being of our students. Due to the risks associated with such abuse, Lovejoy ISD implemented a random student drug and alcohol testing program in 2016 for extra-curricular athletics and UIL competitive fine arts performance groups. The opportunity to participate and compete in athletics and fine arts as an extra-curricular activity is a privilege offered to eligible students on an equal opportunity basis.

The support of parents and community is vital to the success of this program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lovejoy ISD Drug and Alcohol testing program is to ensure the health and safety of high school students who participate in all interscholastic athletics and UIL competitive fine arts performance groups. By using random drug testing, the District is able to detect and prevent illegal drug and alcohol use among its students. It is the hope and intent of the District that this program will encourage students to choose not to use drugs or alcohol and provide those who do, a reason to stop.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Students enrolled in athletics and/or a UIL competitive fine arts program in grades 9 – 12 will be subject to random testing.

REQUIRED PERMISSION

In order to participate in athletics and/or a UIL competitive fine arts program, a parent or guardian is required to sign a permission form allowing the student to be randomly tested/screened for drugs and alcohol throughout the school year.

TESTING/SCREENING PROCEDURES

Testing shall be executed in accordance with the accepted procedures established by the independent testing laboratory contracted by Lovejoy ISD. The testing parameters shall be set at

industry standards as defined by the National Institute for Drug Abuse for immunological screening. Certified lab personnel and professional staff will administer the screening.

Students enrolled in athletics and/or a performance UIL competitive fine arts program will be randomly selected for each screening date and notified by their athletic coach or fine arts director on the day of the screen. All efforts will be made for the randomly selected students to be screened during their athletic and/or fine arts class period. Each randomly selected student will be required to provide a urine sample to the designee during the required time constraint.

If your son/daughter has a planned appointment during school hours today that could potentially cause him/her to miss the scheduled screening, please be certain they report to the gym area and communicate this information to the Assistant Athletic Director or Director of Fine Arts. These students will test before leaving school or upon their return to school for their scheduled appointment.

The Lovejoy ISD reserves the right to test for, but is not limited to: Cannabinoids (Marijuana, Hash), Ethyl Glucuronide (ETG-alcohol), Cocaine, Opiates (Morphine, Heroin, and Codeine), Benzodiazepine (Valium, minor tranquilizers), Amphetamines (Uppers, Pep Pills, Meth, and Crystal), Barbiturates (Sedative-hypnotic drugs), Methadone (Dolly), MDMA/Ecstasy, Phencyclidine (PCP, Angel Dust), and Propoxyphene (Darvon).

The parent and/or guardian listed for the student will be contacted by medical examiner from the district approved lab in the event of a positive test. The lab results will then be provided to the Superintendent of Lovejoy ISD. He will review the results and deliver them to the Athletic Director and Director of Fine Arts to schedule a meeting with the parent and students for counseling and supportive measures.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Students who are required to take prescription medications may or may not yield a false-positive test during the drug screen. If the student's test is positive based on a prescription medication, the district approved lab will contact the parent or guardian and request proof of the prescribed medication. The parent or guardian will need to provide a copy of the prescription to the lab within 24 hours of the phone consultation with the lab designee. Once the prescription is delivered to the lab, the student will then be cleared from the list of positive drug tests and not reported to the District.

PRIVACY

Students shall be protected to the maximum extent possible. Testing results will be sent directly to the Superintendent, Athletics Director, and Director of Fine Arts. Records of test results will be confidential and administered to the Parent and student, as well as the Head Coach and/or Fine Arts Director to administer the consequential steps for positive tests. In addition, a student support committee will be designated for counseling all students with positive test results which will include the Director of Student Services, a High School Assistant Principal, and a High School Campus Counselor.

Test results are confidential records and will not be recorded on transcripts or any other student records.