



# Veterans Memorial High School

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## VMHS Student Parking Rules and Expectations

- Students need to get to school before gate closes. Class begins at 8:15 a.m. Arrive with ample time to park and get to your 1<sup>st</sup> period class on time.
- If you are late, you will enter through the east side gate on Patriot Drive. Check in with the security guard. Excessive tardies will result in the revocation of your parking permit.
  - ❖ After 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy, parking privileges will be suspended for one week,
  - ❖ Once parking privileges resume, after 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy, parking privileges will be suspended for six weeks,
  - ❖ Should tardies continue, after 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy, parking privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the school year.
- You must park in designated areas for student parking only. DO NOT park in spaces designated for staff or visitors. Handicap Parking is only for vehicles with handicap permits.
- Collect anything you need from your vehicle immediately after parking as you will not be allowed to go to your vehicle during the day (including during lunch).
- At the discretion of VMHS administration, any discipline or safety issues having to do with driving/parking will result in the loss of the privilege to park at VMHS.
- Each vehicle needs a permit. If you drive more than one vehicle, you must get a permit for each.
- Reckless driving will not be tolerated.
- Follow directives given by any safety/security officers as well as administration or any other authoritative figures.
- Mission PD officers will issue citations for any penal code violations.
- No refunds will be given for permit revocations.

### Searches:

**Vehicles on campus:** Vehicles parked on school property are under the jurisdiction of the school. School officials may search any vehicle any time there is reasonable cause to do so, with or without the presence of the student. A student has full responsibility for the security and content of his or her vehicle and must make certain that it is locked and that the keys are not given to others.

**Trained Dogs:** The district shall use specially trained non-aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert to the current presence of concealed prohibited items, illicit substances defined in Board policy FNCF, and alcohol. Visits by trained dogs to the schools will not be announced. Trained dogs will be used to conduct random searches around vehicles parked on school property. If contraband of any kind is found, the student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and will be referred to legal authorities for possible criminal prosecution.

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**TO: Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities/Student Drivers and Their Parents/ Guardians**

**FROM: Principal**

**RE: Student Random Drug Testing**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the school's drug testing policy for students participating in extracurricular activities in grades 6-12. This policy and the program that supports it is designed not for punitive measures, but to eliminate the potential threat to the student's health and safety that can occur if students are using or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while participating in interscholastic athletics or any other extracurricular activity. We want the testing program to deter drug and alcohol use and help students live drug-free lives. Please note the following key points of the program:

1. All screenings include, but may not be limited to: steroids, alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, and PCP.
2. Random testing will occur from time to time during the school year.
3. A random test will take place at the school. All students participating in extracurricular activities and students who are permitted to drive to and who park on school property or who park within 300 feet of school property will be eligible for selection for a random test.
4. Students will not be notified in advance of any drug test. Students will be called to the school testing site by a school official, probably the principal. Every effort will be made to call the student at a time that is least disruptive to the student's academic schedule.
5. Students will remain under school supervision until an adequate sample is provided. If a student has not provided a sample by the end of the school day (3:00 p.m.), then the student will be ineligible to participate until a negative sample is provided at the next random test. Students will have up to seven hours to provide an adequate sample, and they will have access to their school materials during that time.
6. Any sample registering below 92 degrees Fahrenheit will be rejected. Also, if the lab technician suspects tampering has occurred, the sample will be rejected and another sample must be provided. If tampering occurs in a direct attempt by the student not to comply with the policy, then, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, student will be removed from the activity and any parking privileges revoked.
7. Students will be asked to empty their pockets before entering the bathroom.
8. Once a student tests positive, receives counseling, and is reinstated, he or she will be required to submit to testing on the next three random testing dates. The student will also be suspended from all extracurricular performances and competitions for a period of not less than 15 instructional days from the date of the positive test and any parking privileges revoked for 30 school days. Subsequent positive test results will require increasing consequences as governed by Mission CISD Board Policy FNF(LOCAL).

## Why drug test students?

Use of alcohol or drugs by students presents a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the students. The Board of Trustees believes testing student participants in school-sponsored extracurricular activities serves the important purpose of detecting and preventing illegal drug and alcohol use among students.

## Isn't this a violation of the students' constitutional right to privacy?

No. The Supreme Court has ruled that drug testing students who participate in extracurricular activities is constitutional since those activities are regarded as a privilege and not a right. The law does not allow school districts to test all students.

## Who will be eligible for testing?

Students in grades 6-12 who participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity, as well as students who drive to and park on school property or within 300 feet of school property will be eligible for testing. A parent consent form, including student and parent signatures, will be required in order to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities or to park on school property.

## What if a student or parent does not agree to sign the consent form?

The student will not be permitted to participate in the extracurricular activity or will be denied a parking permit.

## How often will testing occur?

Random tests shall be conducted from time to time during the school year or semester. Students shall not be notified in advance of any drug test.

## What if the student is absent when they are selected for testing?

Should a selected student be absent when the testing is to occur, the student will be included in the next available testing held at the students campus after his or her return.

## What are the testing procedures?

This District is contracting with an outside vendor to administer the actual testing. Students will be chosen for testing by a computer-generated random selection process conducted by the vendor.

## How will the test samples be collected?

The randomly selected student numbers will be given to the campus officials by the testing company when they arrive for testing. Those students will be called to a specific campus location to provide a urine sample in a restroom in a closed stall. The sample will be collected in a specimen collection container which will be sealed and given to a representative of the testing company. Appropriate steps to maintain confidentiality and dignity for students will be adhered to by the testing company and campus personnel.

## What if a student is unable to provide a sample?

If a student is unable to provide an appropriate sample, the testing company will provide accommodations to allow for more time. Oral fluids test or hair sample may be used as secondary testing methods.

## How accurate are drug tests?

It is an accurate multi-step process that will involve an initial screening of the sample. Should there be a positive test result, a second screening of the sample will be conducted and the results will be verified by a Medical Review Officer (MRO) employed by the testing company.

## What happens if a student tests positive?

Depending upon what is found, a Medical Review Officer from the testing company may try to contact the parent/guardian for explanations of some substances (prescriptions, etc.) found in a second screening of the sample. The testing company will then notify the school district representative of the final positive test result. The campus principal or designee will then contact the parent/guardian of the student to notify them of the final positive result and schedule a meeting with the parent. Parents may also request a retest of the original specimen to confirm the results, but the retest shall be at the parent's expense. The request to retest must be made in writing within 48 hours of the notification.

## What drugs will be screened for in the test?

The test shall screen for substances that are illegal to buy, possess, use, sell or distribute under state or federal law, including prescription drugs. Examples of those substances are: alcohol, performance-enhancing substances, marijuana, cocaine, methaqualone, benzodiazepines, phencyclidine (PCP), methadone, barbiturates, propoxyphene, amphetamines, opiates and metabolites of any of these substances.

## What are the consequences of a positive test result?

**FIRST POSITIVE RESULT:** The student will be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored extracurricular performances or competitions for a period not less than 15 instructional days from the date of the date of the positive test result.

**SECOND POSITIVE RESULT:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular performances or competitions for a period not less than 90 instructional days from the date of the second positive test result.

**THIRD POSITIVE RESULT:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities, practices, performances and competitions for a period of one calendar year from the date of the third positive result.

**FOURTH POSITIVE RESULT:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities, practices, performances and competitions for the remainder of his or her enrollment in Mission CISD.

**PARKING PRIVILEGES:** A student who has a positive test result shall not be permitted to park on school property for 30 days. After this 30 day period, and upon subsequent testing with a negative test result, the student shall be permitted to park on school property.

Should state requirements for steroid testing include stricter consequences/suspensions, those requirements shall be utilized by Mission CISD for the purpose of this policy. During the suspension periods for a first, second or third positive test, students will not be permitted to participate in practices both during and after school for their extracurricular activities.

### **Will there be any academic consequences?**

Results from the random drug testing program will not be a part of the student academic file.

### **If a student tests positive, will they be tested again?**

Students testing positive will be in the return testing schedule until their test results are negative for three consecutive tests for the first infraction and six consecutive tests for the second infraction and for the rest of his or her enrollment in extracurricular activities for a third infraction.

### **What else can be expected if a student tests positive?**

A conference with the student, parent, principal or designee will be held. The student will be required to participate in an appropriate substance abuse/counseling program and present proof of participation and completion.

### **What happens if a student refuses to take the test?**

Should a student refuse to participate in the test, the student will be removed from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

For more information about the random drug testing program, contact the campus principal, assistant principal or counselor. Or you may contact Joe Sanchez, Director of Athletics at 323-5684, or Carlos Garcia, Director for Fine Arts at 323-8044.



## **Drug Testing FAQ**

**Basic questions  
and answers  
about the student  
random drug  
testing program**

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## Application for Student Parking Permit

Parking Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Texas DL #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Information: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Make / Model: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ LP State: \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Period: \_\_\_\_\_

***I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE READ AND WILL FOLLOW THE VMHS STUDENT PARKING RULES AND EXPECTATIONS.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature & Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature Issuing Parking Permit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Required Documents:

- Drug Consent Form (Parent Signature Required)
- Valid Texas Driver's License (No Learner's Permit)
- Current Proof of Insurance
- \$10.00 Cash (No checks or Debit cards accepted)

Bring all the above to Mrs. Lopez in Library between 7:45am – 8am or during student lunch periods and after school 4:15pm – 4:45pm so that your application may be processed in a timely manner.

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**DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM**

By our signatures below, we agree to participate in the Mission CISD random drug testing program for students participating in extracurricular activities and for student drivers. We understand that failure by either of us to sign this form shall result in removal of the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, including practice and competition as well as denial of parking privileges on Mission CISD property or within 300 feet of the student's school campus. If either of us is unclear about any aspect of the drug testing policy and program, it is our individual responsibility to contact the campus principal.

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(Student's Name—Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student ID)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grade)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)