

# **NEW CANEY ISD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

## **POLICY FOR RANDOM DRUG TESTING**

### **OVERVIEW**

The procedure for random drug testing of students is accomplished in conjunction with an independent drug testing Vendor selected by the New Caney ISD Athletic Department. The Athletic Department will provide the Vendor with a list of eligible student athletes and the Vendor randomly selects student athletes for drug testing at regular intervals. The Vendor will send qualified collectors to the school who will oversee the collection of all urine specimens. The Vendor will provide Medical Review Officer (MRO) services for interpretation and verification results. Results are reported to the Athletic Department by the MRO.

### **STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE**

Recognizing that observed and suspected use of illicit drugs by New Caney ISD student athletes is present, a program of deterrence will be instituted as a proactive approach to a truly drug free school. Likewise, through participation in extra-curricular activities, students using illegal drugs pose a threat to their own health and safety, as well as to that of other students. The purpose of this program is:

- To provide for the health and safety of all students,
- To allow each student to make a commitment against drug use,
- To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing an effective tool for students to refuse to use illegal drugs,
- To ensure the health and safety of each student athlete during practice and performance,
- To encourage educational assistance to student athletes who may be identified as having substance abuse problems,
- To deter drug use by student athletes participating in the UIL athletic program.

The program is non-punitive. It is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed.

Illicit drug use is defined as the abuse of illegal drugs and/or the misuse of prescription medications or household substances. Here is the list of illicit drugs that we test for: Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Marijuana, Propoxyphene, Opiates, and Phencyclidine.

### **PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS**

#### **Informed Consent for Testing**

- At the time of registration into the NCISD Athletic Program, students and parent/guardian/custodian complete and sign the Drug Testing Consent Form.
- No student may participate in practice or competition until this form is properly executed and on file with the Athletic Department.

## **Urine Drug Testing Frequency**

The Athletic Department will determine the frequency and number of students tested. Any student who refuses to submit to urine drug testing will not be allowed to practice or participate in athletic activities.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESULTS**

All drug test results are considered confidential information and will be handled accordingly.

## **NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OF POLICY**

No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The results of drug test pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic record. Information regarding the results of drug test will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process.

## **SELECTION FOR TESTING**

- All students in grades 7-12 who wish to participate in UIL athletics must declare their intention to participate at the time of their registration into the NCISD Athletic Program.
- Students who fail to declare their intention to participate in UIL athletics in a timely manner may be required to submit to a drug test at their own expense before being allowed to participate.

## **Sample Collection and Testing Procedures**

- Each student athlete and his/her parents or guardian shall be required to sign a drug testing consent form each school year before the student shall be eligible to participate in the UIL athletic program.
- Students who are selected to be tested for drug use will be required to provide a urine sample. Failure to provide a urine sample will be treated as a positive test.
- If at any time during the sampling procedure a collector has reason to believe that a student is tampering with the sample, the collector may inform school officials, who will then determine if a new sample should be obtained. The questionable sample shall be properly identified as such, and sent to the laboratory with a second sample.

Any attempt to tamper with a sample may result in disciplinary action.

## **SANCTIONS FOR POSITIVE TESTING**

All offenses are cumulative for a student's enrollment in grades 7-12.

**Refusal to Test:** Each time a student refuses to test a drug test, after having signed the Drug Testing Consent Form, will be treated as a positive test. If a student whose name is on the test list should leave school without testing, it will be treated as a positive test.

**First Offense:** As the result of a first positive test, the student will be suspended from participation in athletics for a period of 30 calendar days from date of notification. Upon the completion of the suspension the student will be included in the next 10 scheduled drug tests.

**Second Offense:** As the result of a second positive test, the student will be suspended from participation in athletics for a period of one calendar year from date of notification. Upon the completion of the suspension the student will be included in the next 10 scheduled drug tests.

**Third Offense:** As the result of a third positive test, the student will be removed from athletics for the remainder of their enrollment in New Caney ISD.

**Terms of Suspension:** The terms of a suspension include all practices, competitions, activities, and/or events associated with UIL athletics within NCISD.

**NEW CANEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM**

As a prerequisite to participation in UIL athletic activities, I agree that I will not use illicit drugs which are defined in the New Caney ISD Drug Testing Program Protocol which may be received at the New Caney ISD Athletic Office or viewed online at [www.newcaneyisd.org](http://www.newcaneyisd.org). I certify that I have read and understand this document in its entirety and that I am signing voluntarily and with full understanding of the procedures for Drug Testing of Athletes. I have read this form and understand that I may be asked to submit to testing for the presence of illicit drugs in my body and I do hereby agree to submit to such testing and analysis by a certified laboratory.

I understand that:

- All offenses are cumulative for a student's enrollment in grades 7-12.
- Any student that refuses to be tested will be considered as testing positive for that test.
- Any student identified for random testing that leaves school before the test is performed will be considered as testing positive for that test.

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Telephone Number

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Grade

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Student Signature

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Student ID Number

School Year (to be completed annually) \_\_\_\_\_