

Descriptor Term: Random Drug Screening Program (For students involved in competitive extra/co-curricular activities)

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The policy of the Board of Trustees is to require random drug screening for students involved in competitive extra/co-curricular activities.

The purpose of the random drug screening program is to aid and assist students and to protect their well being and that of others who are associated with competitive extra/co-curricular activities in the Gulfport School District.

Students participating in competitive extra/co-curricular activities will be subject to random drug screening to test for the following illegal substances, the use of which is expressly prohibited: including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, PCP and such other drugs as may be identified by the Board.

Urinalysis testing will be conducted by a certified laboratory to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Gulfport School District. Certification of the laboratory will be provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Sample collection will occur in the Bert Jenkins Gymnasium at Gulfport High School or such other locations as designated by the Superintendent.

I. PROTOCOL:

- A. Mandatory drug testing for randomly selected students who are involved in any competitive extra/co-curricular activity will be conducted at least three times a year and may be conducted at any time(fall, winter, and spring) to cover the beginning of all major sports activities.
- B. All students who are randomly selected for testing will be asked to report to the Jenkins Gymnasium, or other designated sites, at an appointed time scheduled by the Drug Testing Coordinator to provide the required samples.
- C. Any student refusing to participate in the drug screening program will be ineligible to participate in competitive extra/co-curricular activities.
- D. In the event of a **positive test result**, the sample will immediately be tested a second time, using a different procedure, to verify the accuracy of the first test.
- E. At the end of the student's high school career, results will be removed from the student's file.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. **First Positive Test (See PROTOCOL, I.D.)**
 - 1. The Drug Testing Coordinator will contact the building principal, and give him/her a copy of test results.
 - 2. The principal will contact the parents, student, and coach or activity sponsor and inform them of the positive test, and the following

procedure will be initiated.

- a. The student will be suspended from all competitive extra/co-curricular activities (including practice) for thirty (30) calendar days, and;
 - b. The student will be required to attend a drug awareness/education program conducted by the GHS Interventionist. The student will meet with the Interventionist for five (5) sessions during the thirty-day suspension. Failure to attend all sessions will result in continued suspension from competitive extra/co-curricular activities until all five sessions have been completed.
3. A **second sample** will be collected from the student at the end of thirty (30) calendar days for a re-test. (Second sample will be tested twice using two different methods.) If test results are negative, the student will be allowed to resume participation in the competitive extra/co-curricular activity. Another positive test will be considered a **second positive test**, and the student will be subject to guidelines under Section B. (Second Positive Test).

B.

Second Positive Test

1. The Drug Testing Coordinator will contact the building principal, give him/her a copy of the test results, and inform the principal that the student's re-test at the end of thirty (30) days (using two different methods of testing) produced a **second positive test**.
2. The principal will contact the parents, student and coach/activity sponsor and inform them of the **second positive test**, and the following procedure will be initiated:
 - a. The student will be suspended from all competitive extra/co-curricular activities for an additional forty-five (45) school days.
 - b. The student will be required to attend a drug education program offered by a community-based behavioral health clinic as selected by the Board of Trustees. Failure to complete the program will result in a suspension from all competitive extra/co-curricular activities for one calendar year beginning on the date that the additional forty-five-day suspension started .
 - c. After providing proof that an approved drug education program has been completed, the student will be required to undergo an assessment by the GHS Interventionist before being allowed to participate in any other competitive extra/co-curricular activity.
 - d. If the student has complied with all requirements listed above, a **third sample** will be collected from the student for a re-test at the conclusion of the suspension; if the test is negative, the student will be reinstated and allowed to participate in the competitive extra/co-curricular activity.

Another positive test will be considered a *third positive test*, and the student will be subject to those guidelines under Section C. (Third Positive Test).

C. Third Positive Test

1. The Drug Testing Coordinator will contact the principal, give the principal a copy of the test results, and inform him/her that the student's re-test at the end of the suspension was positive.
2. The principal will contact the parents, student, and coach/activity sponsor and inform them of the *third positive test* and the following procedure will be initiated:

The principal will send a letter by certified mail informing the parents and the coach/sponsor that the student is suspended from extra/co-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year and cannot be reinstated thereafter until the student has provided proof that he/she has completed a certified drug rehabilitation program and has satisfied all requirements of the Gulfport School District.

III. PROCEDURE FOR REINSTATEMENT

A **third positive test** establishes that the student has a serious drug problem. After providing proof that the student has completed a certified drug rehabilitation program and has passed any drug tests requested by the school district, the student may apply, in writing, to the principal for reinstatement in competitive extra/co-curricular activities.

- IV.** Positive test results will be treated as cumulative during a school year. For example, if a student tests positive in the fall, tests negative on the next re-test, then positive again any time thereafter during the school year, the second positive test will be a *second positive test* as outlined in Section B. and will trigger the procedures outlined in Section B.