Raymondville ISD – Random Drug Testing Program

FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Why implement random student drug testing? A powerful prevention program

- Gives students a valid reason to resist pressure to use drugs
- Prevents injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance enhancing drugs or alcohol
- Helps students who start using drugs, by directing them to counseling
- Helps identify students who have progressed to addiction, so they can receive treatment
- Applies to all Middle School and High School students participating in extracurricular activities (7^{th} -12^{th} grades)

Random student drug testing is non-punitive

- Students are NOT referred to the legal system
- Test results remain confidential
- Results are destroyed when a student leaves school or graduates
- Results are not forwarded to other locations
- It is confidential (information not shared with teachers or other students)
  - Information is only shared with those that "need to know"
    - Custodial Parent(s)
    - Program Directors, Coach(s), and/or Sponsor(s) involved

Prohibited Behavior

Illegal Drugs

The use, sale, or offer to sell, purchase, transfer, manufacture, or possession in any detectable manner of illegal drug, performance enhancing drug, alcohol, or any synthetic or “look-alike” substance by any student is strictly prohibited

Drug Paraphernalia

The sale, offer to sell, purchase, transfer manufacture, or possession of drug paraphernalia by any student is strictly prohibited

Education

Education of students, staff, parents, and the community is an ongoing process. We look to use the following means of education:

- Teacher/Staff training
- Mentoring
- Individual and group counseling
- Community Coordination activities
- Community Service Projects
- Parent Education
- Red Ribbon Week
- Surveys
- Hotline
- Conflict Resolution Training for students and staff
- Crisis Plan Education

Orientation Meeting and Consent Forms

- Orientation Meetings will be conducted with parents and students participating in extracurricular activities
- All parents and interested students must sign a consent form. Refusal by a student or his/her parent/guardian to sign the consent form will result in the forfeiture of the privilege to participate in any extracurricular activity in Raymondville ISD
- Parents are asked to list prescribed medications to prevent questions later

Consequences

First Offense

Suspended for 30 days from extra-curricular activities

Not allowed to practice or play

Second Offense

Suspended for 60 days from extra-curricular activities

Not allowed to practice or play

Third Offense

Suspended for remainder of the year from extra-curricular activities

Not allowed to practice or play

Procedures

- Each student participating in extracurricular activities will be assigned a number
- These numbers will be sent to the drug testing company so they can randomly select the students to be tested
- District personnel of the same gender will escort student to the testing site and will supervise student until testing is done
- Student will produce urine sample in a closed bathroom stall, and then student will return to class
- When results come in, administrator in charge of testing will inform parent of any student who tests positive and consequences will pertain

Where to finds the complete RISD Random Drug Testing Policy

- Go to Raymondville ISD Webpage
- Click on “Board Policy Online”
- Type in “Drug Testing”
- Select “FNF (LOCAL)”

Thank you for your support

- If you still have questions feel free to talk to your child's coach or sponsor
- If you have further questions feel free to contact Coach Frank Cantu, RISD Athletic Director or Savas Ramirez, Head Band Director
- If you still have questions feel free to contact Mr. Benjamin Clinton, Special Programs Director

- Please remember to sign the Acknowledgement & Consent Forms