Why has UGISD changed the drug testing policy?
The safety and well-being of our students is always the top priority for our administrators, principals and teachers. In an effort to help our students make wise and healthy choices, as well as reduce peer pressure to use illegal substances, the district has made changes to the drug testing policy. This new policy goes into effect for the 2023-2024 school year. And continues until further notice.

Who is subject to random drug testing?
Any high school student who participates in extracurricular activities. This includes students who participate in interscholastic academics/athletics, cheerleading, drill team, theatre, band, choir, and ag, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District, whether UIL sanctioned or not.

How does the policy work?
At the beginning of the school year, all students (with a consent form) will have a baseline test. Each month, the company will conduct random testing based on the software program.

What is the purpose of the consent form and where does my child turn in his/her signed consent form?
The purpose of the consent form is to communicate UGISD's drug testing policy with our parents and students. This consent form will be included in the student's registration paperwork.

How will students be chosen for testing?
UGISD has contracted with a third-party testing company that uses a software program to randomly choose a list of students to be tested at various times throughout the school year. The UGISD school administration will not be involved in the selection process for testing.

How will students be tested?
Students will provide a urine sample to a certified A&D technician of the same gender. Samples will be taken under conditions that are no more intrusive to students than the conditions experienced in a public restroom. Students will provide their samples in the privacy of a restroom stall. If a student cannot provide a sample after the waiting period, they will be administered a mouth swab.

What drugs will be detected by the test?
Drugs detected by the test include marijuana, cocaine, methaqualone, benzodiazepines, PCP, methadone, barbiturates, propoxyphene, amphetamines,

opiates, and metabolites of any of these substances.

What happens if a student test positive?

1st Positive Test: Parents will be notified. Student will be out of extracurricular activities for 30 days. Student must take the online Drug & Alcohol education course, attend 4 counseling sessions via in person or online (school provided) and retest after the 30 days.

2nd Positive Test: Parents will be notified. Student will be out of extracurricular activities for one calendar year. Student will be offered online Drug & Alcohol education course and counseling via in person or online (school provided).

3rd Positive Test: Parents will be notified. Student will no longer be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities during high school. Student will be offered online Drug & Alcohol education course and counseling via in person or online (school provided).

What if a parent or guardian refuses to sign the consent form?

Without a signed consent form on file, a student will not be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity.

What happens if a student refuses to be tested?

A student who refuses to be tested on a designated test date, who tampers with any sample, or who assists others in tampering with any sample shall be subject to the same consequences as a student having a confirmed positive test result.

Will advance notice be given when the district plans to conduct testing?

No. Students will not be notified in advance of any drug test.

Union Grove I.S.D. Parent Drug Testing Consent

Student Name:_____ Grade:_____

I have received the Union Grove I.S.D. drug testing policy for students in extracurricular & co-curricular activities in grades 9th-12th.

_____ I understand the policy and give consent for my student to be drug tested.

_____ I do not give consent for my student to be drug tested. I understand that this means my child cannot participate in extracurricular & co-curricular activities.

Parent name:_____ Date:_____

Parent signature:_____