

POLICY # 1.54
ACTIVITY STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY

The Eufaula Board of Education in an effort to protect the health and safety of its competitive extra-curricular activities students from illegal and/or performance-enhancing drug use and abuse, thereby setting an example for all other students of the Eufaula Public School District, to adopts the following policy for drug testing of competitive activity students.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT

Although the Board of Education, administration, and staff desire that every student in the Eufaula Public School District refrain from using or possessing illegal drugs, district officials realize that their power to restrict the possession or use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs is limited. Therefore, this policy governs only performance-enhancing and illegal drug use by students participating in competitive extra-curricular activities. The sanctions imposed for violations of this policy will be limitations solely upon limiting the opportunity of any student determined to be in violation of this policy to a student's privilege to participate in competitive extra-curricular activities. No suspensions from school or academic sanctions will be imposed for violations of this policy. This policy supplements and complements all other policies, rules, and regulations of the Eufaula Public School District regarding possession or use of illegal drugs.

Participation in school-sponsored interscholastic extra-curricular activities at the Eufaula Public School District is a privilege. Students who participate in these activities are respected by the student body and are representing the school district and the community. Accordingly, students in extra-curricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct, sportsmanship, and training, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs.

The purposes of this policy are five-fold:

1. To educate students regarding the serious physical, mental and emotional harm caused by illegal drug use.
2. To alert students with possible substance abuse problems to the potential harms that drug use poses for their physical, mental, and emotional well-being and offer them the privilege of competition as an incentive to stop using such substances.
3. To ensure that students adhere to a training program that bars the intake of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
4. To prevent injury, illness, and harm for students that may arise as a result from illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.
5. To offer students practices, competition and school activities free of the effects of illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.

This policy is not designed to be punitive in nature; however, a student may be disciplined, including suspended out of school, if a violation of this policy also results in a violation of the District's student behavior policy.

Illegal and performance-enhancing drug use of any kind is incompatible with the physical, mental, and emotional demands placed upon participants in competitive extra-curricular activities and upon the positive image these students project to other students and to the community on behalf of the Eufaula Public School District. For the safety, health and well being of students in extra-curricular activities the Eufaula Public School District has adopted this policy for use by all participants in competitive interscholastic extra-curricular activities in grades 7-12.

The administration may adopt regulations to implement this policy.

1. Definitions

"Activity Student" means a member of any middle school or high school Eufaula Public School District sponsored extra-curricular organization or activity.

"Drug use test" means a scientifically substantiated method to test for the presence of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs or the metabolites thereof in a person's blood, bodily tissue, fluids, products, urine, breath, or hair.

"Random Selection Basis" means a mechanism for selecting activity students for drug testing that:

- A. results in an equal probability that any activity student from a group of activity students subject to the selection mechanism will be selected, and
- B. does not give the School District discretion to waive the selection of any activity student selected under mechanism.

"Illegal drugs" means any substance which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under either Federal or Oklahoma law. *"Illegal drugs"* includes, but is not limited to, all scheduled drugs as defined by the Oklahoma Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act, all prescription drugs obtained without authorization, and all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs being used for an abusive purpose. *"Illegal drugs"* shall also include ethyl alcohol, ethanol, and/or any alcoholic beverage, including "low-point beer" as defined by Oklahoma law.

"Performance-enhancing drugs" include anabolic steroids and any other natural or synthetic substance used to increase muscle mass, strength, endurance, speed or other athletic ability. The term *"performance-enhancing drugs"* does not include dietary or nutritional supplements such as vitamins, minerals and proteins which can be lawfully purchased in over-the-counter transactions.

"Positive" when referring to a drug use test administered under this policy means a toxicological test result which is considered to demonstrate the presence of an illegal or a performance-enhancing drug or the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.

"Reasonable suspicion" means a suspicion of illegal or performance-enhancing drug use based on specific personal observations made by coaches/administrators/sponsors/credible informants of the appearance, speech, or behavior of an activity student; the reasonable inferences that are drawn from those observations; and/or information of illegal or performance-enhancing drug use by an activity student supplied to school officials by other students, staff members, credible informants, or patrons if the report is based on the personal knowledge of the person making the report. In the context of performance enhancing drugs, reasonable suspicion specifically includes unusual increases in size, strength, weight, or other athletic abilities.

II. Procedures

Each Activity Student shall be provided with a copy of the Student Drug Testing Consent Form which shall be read, signed and dated by the student, parent or custodial guardian and coach/sponsor before such student shall be eligible to practice or participate in any extra-curricular activities. The consent requires the activity student to provide a urine sample: (a) as part of the student's annual physical or for eligibility for participation; (b) when the activity student is selected by the random selection basis to provide a urine sample; and (c) at any time when there is reasonable suspicion to test for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs. No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any extra-curricular activities involving interscholastic competition unless the student has returned the properly signed "Student Drug Testing Consent Form."

Prior to the commencement of drug testing each year an orientation session will be held with each Activity Student to educate them of the sample collection process, privacy arrangements, drug testing procedures and other areas which may help to reassure the activity student and help avoid embarrassment or uncomfortable feelings about the drug testing process.

Each Activity Student shall receive a copy of the Activity Student Drug Testing Policy. The Athletic Director or Principal shall be responsible for explaining the Policy to all prospective students, and for preparing an educational presentation to acquaint the student with the harmful consequences of drug and alcohol use and abuse.

All Activity Students will be required to provide a urine sample before the student may participate in an extra-curricular activity covered under this policy. A student who moves into the district after the school year begins will have to undergo a drug test at the next random drug testing.

Drug use testing for Activity Students will also be chosen on a random selection basis monthly from a list of all Activity Students who are involved in off-season or in-season activities. The Eufaula Public School District will determine a monthly number of student names to be drawn at random to provide a urine sample for drug use testing for illegal drugs or performance-enhancing drugs.

In addition to the drug tests required above, any Activity Student may be required at any time to submit to a test for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs, or the metabolites thereof

when an administrator, coach, or sponsor has reasonable suspicion of illegal or performance-enhancing drug use by that particular student.

Any drug use test will be administered by or at the direction of a professional laboratory chosen by the Eufaula Public School District. The professional laboratory shall be required to use scientifically validated toxicological testing methods, have detailed written specifications to assure chain of custody of the specimens, and proper laboratory control and scientific testing.

All aspects of the drug use testing program, including the taking of specimens, will be conducted so as to safeguard the personal and privacy rights of the student to the maximum degree possible. The test specimen shall be obtained in a manner designed to minimize intrusiveness of the procedure. In particular, the specimen must be collected in a restroom or other private facility behind a closed stall. The principal/athletic director shall designate a coach, sponsor, or school employee to accompany the student to a restroom or other private facility behind a closed stall. The monitor shall not observe the student while the specimen is being produced, but the monitor shall be present outside the stall to listen for the normal sounds of urination in order to guard against tampered specimens and to insure an accurate chain of custody. The monitor shall verify the normal warmth and appearance of the specimen.

If at any time during the testing procedure the monitor has reason to believe or suspect that a student is tampering with the specimen, the monitor may stop the procedure and inform the principal/athletic director who will then determine if a new sample should be obtained. If a student is determined to have tampered with any specimen or otherwise engaged in any conduct that disrupts the testing process of any student, then the student will be deemed to have committed a second offense under this policy and the sanctions for a second offense will be imposed.

The monitor shall give each student a form on which the student may list any medications legally prescribed for the student he or she has taken in the preceding thirty (30) days. The parent or legal guardian shall be able to confirm the medication list submitted by their child during the twenty-four (24) hours following any drug test. The medication list shall be submitted to the lab in a sealed and confidential envelope and shall not be viewed by district employees.

An initial positive test result will be subject to confirmation by a second and different test of the same specimen. The second test will use the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry technique or an equivalent scientifically accepted method of equal or greater accuracy. A specimen shall not be reported positive unless a second test utilizing an equivalent scientifically accepted method of equal or greater accuracy is positive for the presence of an illegal drug or the metabolites thereof. The unused portion of a specimen that tested positive shall be preserved by the laboratory for a period of six (6) months.

III. Confidentiality

The laboratory will notify the principal/athletic director or designee of any positive test. To keep the positive test results confidential, the principal/athletic director or designee will only notify the student, the head coach/sponsor, and the parent or custodial guardian of the student of

the results. The principal/athletic director or designee will schedule a conference with the student and parent or guardian and explain the student's opportunity to submit additional information to the principal/athletic director or to the lab. The Eufaula Public School District will rely on the opinion of the laboratory which performed the test in determining whether the positive test result was produced by something other than consumption of an illegal or performance-enhancing drug. Test results will be kept in files separate from the student's other educational records, shall be disclosed only to those school personnel who have a need to know, and will not be turned over to any law enforcement authorities unless otherwise required by law, subpoena, search warrant or court order.

IV. Appeal

An Activity Student who has been determined by the principal/athletic director to be in violation of this policy shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s). Such request for a review must be submitted to the Superintendent in writing within five (5) calendar days of notice of the positive test. A student requesting a review will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities until the review is completed. The Superintendent or his/her designee(s) shall then determine whether the original finding was justified. No further review of the Superintendent's decision will be provided and his/her decision shall be conclusive in all respects. Any necessary interpretation or application of this policy shall be in the sole and exclusive judgment and discretion of the Superintendent which shall be final and non-appealable.

V. Consequences

Any Activity Student who tests positive in a drug test under this policy, or who fails to produce a sample within four (4) hours of being instructed to do so, shall be subject to the following restrictions:

A. For the First Offense:

The parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and a private conference will be scheduled to present the test results to the parent/guardian. A meeting will then be set with the student, parent/guardian, athletic director, and principal concerning the positive drug test. If the student and his/her parent or guardian desire another test of the remaining portion, if any, of the specimen, the principal or athletic director will arrange for another test at the same laboratory or at another laboratory agreeable to the principal or athletic director. Any such re-test shall be at the expense of the student and his/her parent or guardian.

The student will be suspended from participation in all activities covered under this policy for (14) calendar days, and successful completion of four (4) hours of substance abuse education/counseling. The student may not participate in any meetings, practices, scrimmages or games/competitions. If the student is not competing in an extracurricular activity during any suspension period due to injury, academic ineligibility or the games or competitions competitions during this period. The student must miss a minimum of two (2) for that sport or activity are finished or have not begun for that school year and, therefore, does not miss a

minimum of two games/competitions during the suspension period, then the student will be required to miss the next two games/competitions after he/she returns from the injury, becomes eligible or the games/competitions resume in the following school year or begin later in the same school year. The suspension will extend into a succeeding competition season if necessary to fulfill the suspension.

The student will be randomly tested monthly for the remainder of the school year. The time and date will be unknown to the student and determined by the principal/athletic director or designee.

These restrictions and requirements shall begin immediately and shall be consecutive in nature, unless a review appeal is filed following receipt of a positive test. Provided, however, a student who on his or her own volition informs (self-refers) the athletic director, principal, or coach/sponsor of usage before being notified to submit to a drug use test will be allowed to remain active in all activities covered under this policy. Such student will however, be considered to have committed his/her first offense under the policy, , and will be required to obtain counseling and to re-test as would a student who has tested positive.

B. For the Second Offense (in the same school year):

Complete suspension from participation in all competitive extra-curricular activities including all meetings, practices, performances, and competition for the remainder of the school year, or eighty-eight school days (1 semester) whichever is the longer. The penalty may carry over from one school year to the next.

VI. Refusal to Submit to Drug Use Test

A participating student, who refuses to submit to a drug test authorized under this policy, shall not be eligible to participate in any activities covered under this policy including all meetings, practices, performance and competitions for the remainder of the school year. Additionally, such student shall not be considered for any competitive interscholastic activity honors or awards given by the school.

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Eufaula Public Schools is committed to cooperating with parents/guardians in an effort to help students avoid illegal drug use. The Eufaula Public School District believes accountability is a powerful tool to help some students avoid using drugs and that early detection and intervention can save lives.

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*Eufaula Public School District
Student Drug Testing Consent Form*

Statement of Purpose and Intent

Participation in school sponsored extra-curricular activities at the Eufaula School District is a privilege. Activity Students carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents, and their school to set the highest possible examples of positive conduct, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal or performance enhancing drugs.

Drug use of any kind is incompatible with participation in extra-curricular activities on behalf of the Eufaula Public School District. For the safety, health, and well being of the student of the Eufaula Public School District, the Eufaula Public School District has adopted the attached Activity Student Drug Testing Policy and the Student Drug Testing Consent for use by all students participating in extra-curricular activities at the middle school and high school levels.

Participation in Competitive Extra-Curricular Activities

Each Activity Student shall be provided with a copy of the Activity Student Drug Testing Policy and Student Drug Testing Consent which shall be read, signed and dated by the student, parent or custodial guardian, and coach/sponsor before such student shall be eligible to practice or participate in any interscholastic activities. The consent shall be to provide a urine sample: a) as part of their annual physical or for eligibility for participation; b) as chosen by the random selection basis; and c) at any time requested based on reasonable suspicion to be tested for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs. No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any activity governed by the policy unless the student has returned the properly signed Student Drug Testing Consent.

Student's Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

I understand after having read the "Student Activity Drug Testing Policy" and "Student Drug Testing Consent," that, out of care for my safety and health, the Eufaula Public School District enforces the rules applying to the consumption or possession of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs. As a member of a Eufaula competitive extra-curricular interscholastic activity, I realize that the personal decision that I make daily in regard to the consumption or possession of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs may affect my health and well-being as well as the possible endangerment of those around me and reflect upon any organization with which I am associated. If I choose to violate school policy regarding the use or possession of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs any time while I am involved in in-season or off-season competitive activities, I understand upon determination of that violation I will be subject to the restrictions on my participation as outlined in the Policy.

Signature of Student

Date

We have read and understood the Eufaula Public School District "Activity Student Drug Testing Policy" and "Student Drug Testing Consent." We desire that the student named above participate in the extra-curricular interscholastic programs of the Eufaula Public School District and we hereby voluntarily agree to be subject to its terms. We accept the method of obtaining urine samples, testing and analysis of such specimens, and all other aspects of the program. We further agree and consent to the disclosure of the sampling, testing and results as provided in this program.

Signature of Parent or Custodial Guardian

Date

Signature of Coach

Team