

Bellville ISD Random Drug Testing Parent Information Sheet

Why is BISS having a Random Drug Testing Program?

Bellville ISD is concerned about the academic, physical, and emotional well-being of all its students and believes it has a responsibility to assist students in dealing with a variety of issues including drug and alcohol use.

1. To prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal drugs or alcohol;
2. To help insure a drug-free educational environment and eliminate the impact drug and alcohol use has on the learning centers of the brain so that students may achieve their full academic potential;
3. To deter student use of illegal drugs or alcohol;
4. To offer students a means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of illegal substances by providing a legitimate reason for students involved in extracurricular activities to refuse to use illegal drugs; and
5. To provide a ready resource for support and assistance to any student who may be using illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or alcohol.

Who will be tested in Bellville ISD?

- All students in grades 9-12 who participate in extracurricular activities or purchase parking permits will be subjected to mandatory random drug testing throughout the school year and will be required to provide the District with written consent signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.

How will the test be administered?

- Selection for drug testing is random. Students who are identified for inclusion for drug testing will be placed in a pool from which the random selections will be made.
- Employees of the vendor chosen to conduct the drug testing will oversee the collection of samples for testing.
- To maintain the integrity of the sample collection process, testing will be conducted in a restroom with a drug-testing vendor employee of the same gender present; however, the monitor will be positioned in a way as to give the student his/her privacy.
- Test results will be kept in separate, confidential files from the students' other educational records. Test results are confidential and, unless required by court order, may be disclosed only to the student, the parent/guardian, and the superintendent or designee.

What will be tested for?

- Opiates (heroin/morphine/codeine)
- Amphetamines/Methamphetamines
- Cocaine
- Cannabinoid (marijuana)
- Phencyclidine (pcp/angel dust)

*****Policy allows Bellville ISD to test for any illegal drug***

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When will testing occur?

Drug testing will take place periodically throughout the school year.

What happens if a student tests positive for drugs/alcohol?

If a student tests positive, the vendor then will first further test the specimen. If the specimen still tests positive, the MRO (Medical Review Officer) will contact the school district. The Superintendent or designee will contact the student's parent/guardian to determine whether there is an alternative medical explanation for the positive test result.

1st positive test – Parent/Guardian conference with Superintendent or designee, education or counseling program (District will provide list), one calendar year of testing.

- ***Consequence:*** The student shall enroll in a counseling program within 14 calendar days of a confirmed positive result.

2nd positive test – Parent/Guardian conference, additional education or counseling program (District will provide list), 30 school day suspension from extra-curricular activities and driving privileges, one calendar year of testing

- ***Consequence: 30 school day suspension from extra-curricular activities and driving privileges.*** During this period, the student shall be required to continue to practice his or her related activity in the class period allotted and after school as scheduled. The student shall enroll in a counseling program within 14 calendar days of a confirmed positive result.

3rd positive test – Parent/Guardian conference, additional education or counseling program (District will provide list), 1 year calendar suspension from extra-curricular activities and driving privileges, one calendar year of testing

- ***Consequence: One calendar year suspension from extra-curricular activities and driving privileges.*** The student shall also be required to continue to practice his or her related activity in the class period allotted; however, participation in after-school activities/practices is prohibited. The student shall enroll in a counseling program within 14 calendar days of a confirmed positive result.