

**2023 – 2024 Stockdale ISD Drug Testing Program**



Approved by Stockdale ISD Board on July 17, 2023.

## **I. STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE**

Stockdale ISD has a vital interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all of its students. Being under the influence of drugs and alcohol poses a serious health and safety risk to both the user and all those associated with the user. Likewise, maintaining a drug free school is crucial to preserving a positive learning environment. To fulfill this purpose, the District has implemented a random drug testing policy.

## **II. OBJECTIVES**

- A. To provide a deterrent to drug use for Junior High School and High School students.
- B. To provide a drug education for those students who test positive for drug use and for those students who are at risk for drug use.
- C. To provide for the health and safety of all students in extra-curricular activities.
- D. To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs.

## **III. PLAN**

- A. Random testing will be conducted on at least 10 students from junior high school and at least 15 students from high school. The dates will be selected by the testing facility.
- B. Students will be selected at random by a representative from the testing laboratory from a computer-generated pool of all extra-curricular students.
- C. All students in the extracurricular activities of academics, athletics, band, cheerleading, and one-act play at Stockdale Independent School District Junior High and High School will be subject to testing.
- D. Testing will be conducted through accepted scientific means using approved practices and procedures established by the testing laboratory selected by the District. The testing parameters shall be set at industry standards as defined by the National Institute for Drug Abuse.
- E. The testing will be administered as follows:
  - a. **ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY STUDENTS:** All students in extra-curricular activities at Stockdale ISD Junior High and High School, and their parents or guardian, will be asked to sign a drug testing consent form as a condition to participating in extra-curricular activities. No student may participate in practice or competition until the consent form is properly executed and on file with the campus principal. Each consenting student will be issued an identification number. The campus principal will maintain the names of the students with their corresponding identification number. A representative from the testing laboratory will take samples to the testing laboratory and retrieve results. All specimens will be identified by the student's identification number.

Every effort will be made to maintain the integrity of the testing specimen. To ensure security, only one student will test at a time. All specimens will be identified by the student's identification number. The specimen will be sealed and witnessed by the student. A representative from the testing laboratory will take all specimens to the testing laboratory and obtain results.

- b. **MALE STUDENTS:** Male students selected at random will provide a urine sample in a stall with the door closed in the male restroom at the designated testing location, or at a secure private site as selected by administrator. The urine sample will be collected in a sealed split specimen collection container provided by the testing laboratory. The container will have the student's identification number written on a chain of custody and control form. The athletic director or sponsor will select a male member of the staff who will be present while the sample is collected. The selected male will not directly observe the male students collect their sample. Immediately upon collecting the samples, the selected male students will give the collected samples to the testing laboratory representative, and the male staff member present, will insure that each student's identification number is on the chain of custody and control form. The split specimen sample bottle "A" & "B" will be sealed and witnessed by the student. A representative from the testing laboratory will then deliver the collected samples to the laboratory for analysis.
  
- c. **FEMALE STUDENTS:** Female students selected at random will provide a urine sample in a stall with the door closed in the designated testing location, or at a secure private site as selected by administrator. The urine sample will be collected in a sealed split specimen collection container provided by the testing laboratory. The container will have the student's identification number written on a chain of custody and control form. The athletic director or sponsor will select a female staff member who will be present while the sample is collected. The selected staff member will not directly observe the female students collect their sample. Immediately upon collecting the samples, the selected female students will give the collected samples to the testing laboratory representative, and the female staff member present, will insure that each student's identification number is on the chain of custody and control form. The split specimen sample bottle "A" & "B" will be sealed and witnessed by the student athlete. A representative from the testing laboratory will then deliver the collected samples to the laboratory for analysis.

- F. Refusal to provide a sample or noncompliance with the testing procedures by any student engaged in extracurricular activities will be considered a positive result and will be reported to the appropriate campus administrator.

All drug test results are considered confidential information and will be handled accordingly. Test results will be disclosed only to the student, the student's parents, the athletic director, if applicable; the superintendent, the student's building principal, the head coach or sponsor of the extra-curricular activity in which the student participates, and any other person required by law to receive a copy of the results. All test results will be destroyed when the student leaves the school district in accordance with the District's document retention policy.

- G. The testing laboratory may not release any statistics on the rate of positive drug tests to any person, organization, news publication or media without expressed written consent of the superintendent and the Stockdale ISD Board of Education. However, the testing laboratory may provide the building principals or Stockdale ISD Board of Education with a quarterly report showing the number of tests performed, rate of positive and negative tests, and substances found in the positive urine specimens.
- H. Whenever a student's test result indicates the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances, the parent will be contacted by a Medical Review Officer (MRO). The testing entity will provide an MRO to interpret and verify results. The MRO will determine if there is a medical explanation for the student drug report. If the parent can provide a medical excuse with documentation, the MRO will report the test result as negative. However, without medical information, the MRO will report to the school-designated representative a positive drug screen.
- I. Students that test positive for drug usage may request a second test, using bottle "B" of the split specimen and from a laboratory from a list of nationally certified independent laboratories to be provided by the district. Such request must be made to the building principal in writing within forty-eight (48) hours from the first notification of positive test results.
- J. The testing laboratory may use quantitative results to determine if positive results on repeat testing indicate recent use of illicit or banned substances or the natural decline of levels of the illicit or banned substance from the body. If the testing laboratory feels the quantitative levels determined to be above established cutoffs do not reflect current use by natural decay, then a negative result may be reported.

#### **IV. DRUGS TESTED FOR:**

- Barbiturates
- Amphetamines
- Benzo-Diazepines
- Cocaine
- Methoqualone (Methadone)
- Opiates (codeine, heroin, morphine, papaverine)
- Tetrahydrocannabinoids (THC)(Marijuana)
- Propoxyphene

All substances listed on the Schedules of Controlled Substances pursuant to the Texas Controlled Substances Act established by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

#### **V. POSITIVE RESULTS**

##### **A. First Offense**

Upon the first confirmed positive test result, the parent/guardian and the student will meet the principal, athletic director and/or sponsor, and counselor to discuss the test results and the consequences. The student will be required to attend and successfully complete a drug education program approved by the District. The student and parent/guardian will be responsible for the cost of the drug education program. The student will be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for 14 calendar days. The student will be required to be tested at the next testing date.

##### **B. Second Offense**

Upon the second confirmed positive test result the parent/guardian and the student will meet with the principal, athletic director and/or sponsor, and counselor to discuss the test results and the consequences. The student will be required to attend and successfully complete a drug education program approved by the District. The student and parent/guardian will be responsible for the cost of the drug education program. The student will be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities for 30 calendar days. At the end of the suspension, the student must submit to a drug test by a nationally certified drug-testing laboratory. The student will be subjected to testing on each district test date, within the school calendar year, and on each District test date for the remainder of the student's participation in academic UIL, athletics, band, cheerleading, and one-act play while enrolled in the District.

### C. Third Offense

Upon the third confirmed positive test result, suspension from participation in academic UIL, athletics, band, cheerleading, and one-act play for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District.

### D. Refusal

If a student refuses any test as required or authorized by this policy, the student will receive the same consequences as set out for a positive result for each refusal.

## **VI. NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OR POLICY**

No student in extra-curricular activities will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The result of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the Stockdale ISD Board of Education will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours before response is made by Stockdale ISD Board of Education, to the extent permitted by such subpoena or legal process.

## Stockdale ISD Extra-Curricular Activities Drug Testing Authorization

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor student enrolled in Stockdale ISD and participating in extracurricular activities (defined as academic UIL, athletics, band, cheerleading, and one-act play), understand Stockdale ISD's policy regarding random student drug testing.

I understand that my child will be asked to provide a urine sample for drug analysis, and I consent to such testing conducted as part of the District's drug testing policy.

I also understand that while my child cannot be compelled to produce a specimen, the giving of a specimen when requested by the District is a condition of my child's continued participation in extracurricular activities. I understand that if a test of my child's specimen reveals an unexplained presence of a drug, the District may take action against my child up to and including termination of participation in extracurricular activities.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT IS VALID FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**Stockdale Independent School District  
503 South 4th Street  
Stockdale, TX 78160  
830-996-3551**

Please complete the following information:

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has completed a minimum of six (6) clock hours in one of the following settings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A series of individual counseling sessions concerning drug-use and abuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ A group counseling program providing intervention for drug use
- \_\_\_\_\_ A curriculum-based instructional program on drug-use prevention

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Counselor/Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counseling Agency or Private Practitioner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Verification phone calls may be made as deemed necessary by the Campus Administrator or Athletic Director's office.



## Counseling Resources

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Address</b>                                | <b>Phone</b> |
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| Teddy Buerger Center<br>Sliding Scale Fee or Insurance | 1215 East Court Street<br>Seguin, Texas 78155 | 830-401-1367 |
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