



Rochelle ISD



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The Rochelle Independent School District (ISD) participates in random drug testing program for students in grades 6-12 who participate in extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are defined as activities beyond the state-mandated curriculum, including athletics, UIL, graduation exercises, prom, and field trips. We are committed to providing a safe and drug-free environment. The Rochelle ISD random drug-testing program is authorized by Rochelle ISD Board Policy FNF(LOCAL). The Rochelle ISD does not implement this policy in order to inform law enforcement or other agencies. Instead, this program has been established to give students who face daily pressure from their peers to experiment with drugs a better alternative. If a student has already made a bad decision about drugs, this program will identify the issue so that a drug intervention program can be offered to prevent future drug use.

All students in grades 6-12 that participate in a school-sponsored activity are subject to drug testing. The results of the drug test impact the ability of a student to participate in school sponsored activities; it also affects their ability to park on campus.

A third-party drug testing company contracted by the Rochelle ISD conducts the tests. The company may test for any or all of the following:

- Drugs that an individual may not buy, possess, use, sell, or distribute under either federal or Texas law. Such drugs include, but are not limited to: marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, methaqualone, benzodiazepines, phencyclidine (PCP), methadone, barbiturates, propoxyphene, alcohol, and/or their metabolites.
- Performance-enhancing drugs
- All prescription drugs and alcohol

Testing will be conducted at the start of the school year for any student who requests a parking permit or will participate in extracurricular activities. Additional random tests will be conducted throughout the school year. The program is designed to help students make a commitment against drug use, give each student an effective tool against drug use, ensure the health and safety of each student during practice and performance, offer educational assistance to students who may be identified as having substance abuse problems, and deter use of drugs by students through participation in extracurricular activities.

Testing will take place at random times throughout the school year. Students will not have to pay for the tests. Students will not receive prior notice of the testing date or time. Names of all students participating will be provided to the drug testing company. This company randomly generates the listing of students tested during random testing windows. If a student is absent the day of a test, he or she will be tested on the next available testing day. Once tested, a student will be returned to the original pool of student names; it is possible that a student be selected multiple, consecutive times for drug testing.

When selected for testing, students will remain under the supervision of a district employee until the sample is provided. Students will be asked to empty their pockets or entering a test area. Purses, bags, containers, coats, vests, jackets, sweaters, and clothing with large pockets will not be allowed into a testing area. Employees from the drug testing company will collect all of the urine samples and are responsible for their labeling, storage, and testing. Students will produce samples in a closed restroom stall. A district employee of the same gender of the students providing the sample will be present during the collection. The district employee will not observe the student while

the sample is being produced; this employee shall remain within hearing distance in order to guard against tampered samples and to ensure an accurate chain of custody is maintained.

A student that refuses to test or is found to have determined with a sample shall be deemed to have a positive test and will be subject to the appropriate consequences as outlined in this document. Any attempt to tamper with a sample will result in a positive test.

The third-party drug testing company will rescreen and re-analyze samples that test positive upon initial screening. Results are kept confidential and are disclosed only to the superintendent, principal, sponsor, parent/guardian, and student. Results are not placed in student records.

The principal and athletic director will notify the student, the student's parent/guardian, and sponsors of organizations in which the student is involved.

Consequences

1st Offense

1. Student will be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 15 days.
2. Student will not be allowed to park on campus for 15 days.
3. Student must complete a drug prevention program.

A conference will be held with the principal, sponsor, parent/guardian, and student to review the consequences. During the period of the suspension from extracurricular activities, the student may practice with the team at the discretion of the coach; the student may not compete, perform, travel with, or be on the sidelines for any extracurricular activities the student is involved in. The student will be tested at the following three testing dates. Failure to participate in a drug education program may prolong the suspension from activities.

2nd Offense

1. Student will be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 6 weeks.
2. Student will not be allowed to park on campus for 6 weeks.
3. Student must complete a drug prevention program.
4. Student must attend approved counseling.

A conference will be held with the principal, sponsor, parent/guardian, and student to review the consequences. During the period of the suspension from extracurricular activities, the student may practice with the team at the discretion of the coach; the student may not compete, perform, travel with, or be on the sidelines for any extracurricular activities the student is involved in. The student will be tested at the following three testing dates. Failure to participate in a drug education program or counseling may prolong the suspension from activities.

3rd Offense

1. Student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year.
2. Student will not be allowed to park on campus for the remainder of the year.
3. Student must complete a drug prevention program.
4. Student must attend approved counseling.

A conference will be held with the principal, sponsor, parent/guardian, and student to review the consequences. During the period of the suspension from extracurricular activities, the student may practice with the team at the discretion of the coach; the student may not compete, perform, travel with, or be on the sidelines for any extracurricular activities the student is involved in. The student will be tested at the following three testing dates. Failure to participate in a drug education program or counseling may prolong the suspension from activities.

A student that is suspended from participation at the end of the year shall complete the suspension during the first semester of the following school year. Positive results do not impact students' grades in curricular classes (even if they are associated with extracurricular activities). Students that are suspended from participating may have to complete alternative assignments in the event that participation is a part of the student's grade.