

Tyler ISD
Drug Testing Program
for Athletics

The Purpose of the Drug-Testing Program

- Prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance enhancing drugs or alcohol;
- Help enforce a drug-free educational environment;
- Deter the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol;
- Educate student-athletes regarding the harm caused by the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol; and
- Offer student-athletes a credible means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of legal and illegal drugs, alcohol, and performance enhancing substances.

Who Will Be Tested and How Often?

- Any student in grades 7-12 who chooses to participate in a school sponsored UIL athletic program.
- No less than ten percent of student-athletes shall be randomly selected each 6 weeks of the school year.
- The parents voluntarily ask for their children to be included in the group.
- A student-athlete shows “reasonable suspicion” of drug use.
- Drug tests shall be conducted randomly during each six weeks throughout the school year.
- Number of student-athletes in Tyler ISD (2016-17) -
John Tyler: 532
Robert E. Lee: 621
Middle School: 1090
Total number of student-athletes: 2243

Recommended Panel of Drugs to Test

Alcoholic beverages, and harmful substances, and synthetic substance including herbal incense/K2/Spice for the purpose of intoxication, narcotic drug, or other controlled substance of any form, except as prescribed by a licensed physician for legitimate medical purposes for the students medical condition or disease.

Drugs to be tested but not limited to:

Cocaine

Opiates

Cannabinoids

Phencyclidine

Benzodiazepines

Amphetamine

Methamphetamine

Ecstasy

Barbiturates

Methadone

Alcohol/Ethylglucuronide

Synthetic stimulants and or depressants

Anabolic and Androgenic Steroids

Inhalants

Consequences of Positive Testing

Consequences of a FIRST confirmed positive test result shall be as follows:

- 1. Required conference with parent/guardian and student-athlete.**
- 2. A minimum ten percent suspension from all athletic contests. During the suspension the student-athlete may participate in practice, attend team meetings, but may not travel or dress for any contest.**
- 3. Prior to participating in any athletic contest, a negative test result must be obtained.**
- 4. After regaining eligibility retesting for one year.**

Consequences of a SECOND confirmed positive test result shall be as follows:

- 1. Required conference with parent/guardian and student-athlete.**
- 2. Referral to an TISD approved counseling program for an assessment which will determine the length of counseling needed for the student. The student must fulfill the recommendation of the counseling program, and provide documentation confirming completion of the program.**
- 3. A minimum 30 school day suspension from all athletic contests from the time of the parent/guardian conference. During the suspension the student-athlete may participate in practice, attend team meetings, but may not travel or dress for any contest.**
- 4. Prior to participating in any practice or athletic contest, a negative test result must be obtained.**
- 5. After regaining eligibility retesting for one year.**

Consequences of a THIRD confirmed positive test result shall be as follows:

- 1. Required conference with parent/guardian and student-athlete.**
- 2. Referral to an TISD approved counseling program for an assessment which will determine the length of counseling needed for the student. The student must fulfill the recommendation of the counseling program, and provide documentation confirming completion of the program.**
- 3. A minimum of one full calendar year suspension from all athletic contests from the time of the parent/guardian conference. During the suspension the coach may allow the student-athlete to participate in practices, attend team meetings, but may not travel or dress for any contest.**
- 4. Prior to participating in any practice or athletic contest, a negative test result must be obtained.**
- 5. After regaining eligibility retesting for one year.**

Consequences of a FOURTH confirmed positive test result shall be as follows:

- 1. Any offense beyond a third offense shall be treated as a third offense for the purposes of assigning consequences under this policy before a student regains eligibility to participate in athletics.**

A positive test that results in a suspension in excess of the number of days remaining in the school year will continue on the first day of school of the next school year.

Refusal to participate in a drug test after signing the consent form shall count as a positive test.