

Malta School District

STUDENTS 3350

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Extracurricular Activities Drug-Testing Program

The District has a strong commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Results of studies throughout the United States indicate that education alone, as a preventive measure, is not effective in combating substance abuse. Our commitment to maintaining the extracurricular activities in the District as a safe and secure educational environment requires a clear policy and supportive programs relating to detection, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse by students involved in extracurricular activities.

Scope

1. Students participating in any extra-curricular activity represent the community, the school and their peers. When a participant uses illegal substances and/or alcohol, such use impinges upon the team's motivation, cohesiveness and performance. As a result, the well being of the individual, the team, and the general school community is diminished by the participant's use of illegal substances and/or alcohol.
2. As participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege, those students voluntarily subject themselves to a degree of regulation higher than that imposed on students generally. Students who voluntarily participate in school athletic activities and/or extra-curricular activities have reason to expect intrusions upon normal rights and privileges, including privacy.
3. The Malta School District will test student athletes and other participants in any MHSA extra-curricular activity for illegal substance and/or alcohol use by administering urinalysis tests. This policy applies to all Malta School District students participating in any extra-curricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Montana High School Association (MHSA).

Definitions

Drug: Any substance considered illegal or controlled by the Food and Drug Administration.

Student Participant: Any student participating in any extra-curricular activity under the control and jurisdiction of the Montana High School Association and/or Malta High School.

Activity Season: Fall, Winter and Spring seasons begin on the first day of practice/participation allowed by the MHSA/Malta High School, and end after the final competition for that activity and the student has returned to Malta or having been released to their parent or guardian.

Definitions (Cont.)

Pupil Instruction Days (PI Days) – Begins with the first official practice of fall sports and ends with the last pupil instruction or competition day of the year.

CONSENT FORM

It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extracurricular activities sign and return the Consent Form prior to participation in any extracurricular activity. Failure to comply will result in non-participation.

Each extracurricular participant shall be provided with the Consent Form (3350F), which shall be dated and signed by the participant and by the parent/guardian and Procedure (3350P). In so doing, the student is agreeing to participate in the random drug-testing program at Malta High School.

VERIFICATION OF LEGAL DRUG USE

Student participants who are drug tested under this policy will be given a reasonable opportunity to submit verification of legal drug use. At the time of testing, each student will be given written notice that he or she has seventy-two (72) hours to submit verification of any prescription drug use by providing a copy of the prescription to the building administration in a sealed envelope. The building administration will submit the sealed envelope, unopened, to the testing laboratory for consultation in making an analysis. The information regarding the use of prescription drugs is confidential and will not be shared with any school official. If the student fails to provide timely verification of legal drug use, and tests positive, he or she will be subject to retesting.

FREQUENCY OF TESTING

The following provisions apply to frequency of testing:

1. One hundred percent of the student participants will be tested at the beginning of each season or activity. This initial screening will occur anytime from the first day of practice to the day preceding the first contest/event. Students will be required to pay for the initial screening as part of the participation fee. The following participants will make up the different pools for the specific seasons:
Fall: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Speech and Drama, *and Fall Cheerleading*
Winter: Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, and *Winter Cheerleading*
Spring: Track and Field, Golf, and *Music*
2. Random testing may occur during an activity season. Up to twenty (20) percent of all students participating, regardless of activity or sport, may be tested on a periodic basis.
3. Once a student is in the pool, they will remain in the pool for the remainder of the academic year.

SCOPE OF TESTS

The samples will be tested *for any or all* of the following: THC, Cocaine, Benzodiazepines, Alcohol, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Ecstasy, Marijuana, Methadone, Methamphetamine, Morphine, Opiates, Oxycodone, Phencyclidine, Propoxyphene, and Tricyclic Antidepressants. The laboratory will be authorized to report test results to the superintendent or designee.

SAMPLE COLLECTION/ CONFIRMING A TEST RESULT

The Administration is directed to develop procedures to administer this policy

Training Rules

Training rules are available in the student handbook, and approved by the Board of Trustees annually.

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DESIGNEE

The superintendent or designee will implement and oversee appropriate procedures for the consistent implementation of the testing procedure. A Third Party Administrator will be contracted to conduct, screen and verify the results.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The results of the tests will be disclosed only to the student and parent/guardian, and those school personnel who have a need to know.
2. The test results will be kept for only the duration of the student's high school career. They will not be placed in the student's academic folder.
3. The school district will pay any cost associated with the gathering of random samples and testing by an independent laboratory, as well as all administrative fees necessary to implement this policy.

NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OF POLICY

Detection of illegal substances or alcohol obtained pursuant to this policy will not be used as a basis to discipline a student or penalize him or her academically. Such detection will not be made a part of a student's permanent record. Information regarding the results of the drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena and other legal process, which the school district will not solicit.

Policy History:

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