RANDOM STUDENT DRUG TESTING

Why test students?

4 Reasons

- Health and safety
- To serve as a deterrent
- A credible means to resist peer pressure
- A source of information to parents.

Who could be tested?

The CSISD program *could* randomly test ... **grades 7-12** students involved in **extracurricular activities** or if they have a **parking sticker** at a high school.

Parents could also ...

voluntarily ask for their grades 7-12 children to be included in the group.

What could be tested?

- The drug-testing laboratory could test a variety of substances such as:
 - Alcohol
 - Anabolic steroids
 - 5 Panel Drug Test
 - Other: Barbiturates, Methadone, Synthetic Marijuana

Test Results Confidential

- Student privacy would be protected.
- Test results would be kept confidential and provided only to parents/guardians and designated administrators.

Timeline

- Beginning with the 2018-19 school year
 - Registration
 - Orientation
 - Consent

Considerations

- Pricing
- Substances
- Consequences
- Policy decision points

Pricing

Estimated costs

- Through Harris County Dept of Education Co-op 2017
- About \$ 20/test for 9 Panel illegal drugs + Alcohol
- About \$ 40/test for bath salts
- About \$ 8/ test for K2 (Synthetic Marijuana)
- About \$ 50/test for K2 re-test
- About \$150/re-test of original sample
- About \$100/test for steroids

What's tested?

HCDE Nine Panel in 2017

- Marijuana
- Cocaine
- Amphetamine (includes Ecstasy)
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine (angel dust)
- Barbiturates (central nervous depressants)
- Benzodiazepines (Valium®, Xanax®)
- Methadone
- Propoxyphene (Darvon®)

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Number of eligible students

- □ 1,100 Parking
- □ 3,000 Extracurricular 7-12
- □ <u>1,000</u> <u>CTE</u>
- □ 5,100 TOTAL*

Possible Consequences

- 1st positive result*
 - Suspension from competition, performance or parking for 30 school days

*Note:

TASB text states,"An initial positive test shall be confirmed by a second test of the same sample before being reported as positive."

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- 3rd Positive Result
 - Suspension from competition, performance or parking for 90 school days

Policy

Decision points include:

- Grade levels
- Extracurricular activities, parking, opt-in
- Orientation meetings (student or both student/parent)
- List of substances
- Percent of students tested
- Retesting
 - would require a negative test prior to returning for participation
- Consequences and appeals

Questions and Comments