

Morrow County School board

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District, including but not limited to co-curricular athletics, extra-curricular clubs and organizations sponsored by the school, and student body organizations including student council.

Season: Fall, winter and spring athletic and cheerleader seasons begin on the first day of practice and end the day prior to the next season as determined by the Oregon School Activities Association. For other co-curricular activities a season will be an academic quarter.

Positive Test: The presence of any level of illegal drugs other than prescription medications. (See Procedures 4.0)

Procedures:

Rules related to this policy will be made available in writing as a part of the registration process. The rules will be reviewed with students by the coach/advisor at the beginning of each sport season/activity in which the student participates.

An "Authorization to Test for Drugs" Agreement will be signed by each student and his/her parent/guardian before the student will be allowed to participate in any co-curricular activity. The policy will be in effect the entire school year the student is enrolled at a Morrow County School District jr/sr high school and will govern the conduct of the co-curricular participant. Consequences for violations during the spring will continue into the next year.

1.0) Consent

Each student involved in any co-curricular program(s) will be required to provide a signed consent form prior to joining the program. Both student and parent/guardian signatures are required.

2.0) Non-punitive Nature of Policy

Students will not be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs under this policy. Nor will co-curricular drug tests be documented in any student's academic records. The information gathered under this policy will only be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities in order to comply with lawful court orders or subpoenas. In the event of such legal compulsion, the District will notify parents/guardians at least 72 hours prior to releasing information.

3.0) Testing Rules

3.1) All co-curricular participants may be tested at

the beginning of any season at the discretion of the superintendent.

3.2) Additionally, random testing will be conducted throughout the school year at the superintendent's discretion.

3.2.1) A minimum of 5 percent and a maximum of 100 percent of co-curricular participants will be tested at each test period as determined by the superintendent.

3.2.2) Once the "Authorization to Test for Drugs" Agreement is signed the student is eligible for random testing whether or not he/she is at that time participating in a co-curricular activity.

4.0) Procedures for Testing

4.1) Selection for testing will be by random procedures from a pool of all students who have signed the "Authorization to Test for Drugs" Agreement. The superintendent will take due precautions to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the selection process. No individual involved in the selection process will be able to identify students or to determine the selection of a particular student for testing.

4.2) The jr/sr high school principal will be notified on the day students are selected for testing and will arrange for samples to be taken the same day. If a student is absent on a testing day an alternate will be tested. The absent student will become a part of the group the next time a random test is done. Any student unable to provide the sample will be expected to remain at the collection area until a specimen is obtained. Those selected for testing will be given the option of doing so in private.

4.3) Students who refuse a sample will be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the procedures listed under section 9-0.

5.0) Prescription Medications

Students on prescription medications may provide a copy of the prescription or a physician's written verification to school personnel within 24 hours of the time a sample is collected. Any information provided in this manner will be sealed in an envelope and forwarded to the testing lab with instructions to consider the medication in processing the sample. Prescriptions or doctor's verifications will not be reviewed by school

officials and may be presented in sealed envelopes. Students who do not provide verification and test positive will be subject to the measures specified under section 8.0 and 9.0 of these procedures.

6.0) Scope of Tests and Confidentiality of Results

6.1) All specimens will be collected and tested by a State certified laboratory, or local certified collection site. Specimens may be collected at a local certified collection site for make-up or follow-up testing needs. Chain of custody procedures, as recommended by the laboratory, will be followed.

6.2) Screening tests will test for common illegal drugs of abuse. The superintendent shall decide prior to selection of students which illegal drugs shall be screened. Samples will not be screened for the presence of any substance other than an illegal drug or for the existence of any physical condition other than drug intoxication.

6.3) Test results will be communicated only to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee and principal. Individual test information will be treated confidentially.

7.0) Voluntary Student Confession Admission

With the intent of encouraging participants who are using drugs to participate in drug treatment programs, Morrow County School District supports students who voluntarily admit that they use/abuse illegal drugs. If a student voluntarily confesses admits to their a coach, advisor, athletic director, or administration that they have a drug problem at least 24 hours prior to any drug testing window the following discipline will be administered.

7.1) First Voluntary Confession Admission

7.1.1) For the first voluntary confession admission the student will be given the option of a short suspension (defined below), a good faith participation in a State certified drug and alcohol assistance program at the student's/parent's expense, and submission to bi-weekly drug testing for eight weeks (regardless of whether or not the season ends prior to the eight weeks) or suspension from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season of participation (for non-athletic participants a season is equal to 1 academic quarter).

If the student elects the option of participating in a drug assistance program, the student will continue to practice/participate with the

team/group, but not participate in any game/events* during the suspension. The minimum length of the suspension shall be for 10 days, which will carry over to the next season of participation if the schedule ends before the 10 days have elapsed. If the first session of the drug assistance program has not occurred at the end of 10 days, the student will be suspended from participation practice/involvement and participation in contests games/events* until he/she has attended at least one session. Continued participation will be contingent on the student missing no session of the drug-testing program.

*events for non athletic participants include, but are not limited to: concerts, performances, formal ASB duties and privileges, out-of-school club activities and trips, or any other club or organizational event deemed appropriate by the administration.

7.2) Second Voluntary Confession Admission

7.2.1) For the second voluntary confession admission, discipline will be handled according to the first offense under 9.1.1. Repeat confessions admissions will be dealt with under subsection 9.2 and 9.3.

8.0) Positive Results

Whenever a participant's results indicate the presence of drugs (positive test), a meeting will be scheduled with the student, the parent(s) or guardian and the building principal.

9.0) Discipline

Due process procedures will be followed for all discipline arising from violation of the district's policy.

9.1) First Positive Result

9.1.1) For the first positive test the student will be given the option of a short suspension (defined below), a good faith participation in a State certified drug and alcohol assistance program at the student's/parent's expense, and submission to bi-weekly drug testing for eight weeks (regardless of whether or not the season ends prior to the eight weeks) or suspension from the athletic program for the remainder of the current season and the next season of participation.

If the student elects the option of participating in a drug assistance program, the student will continue to practice/participate with the team/group, but not participate in any game/events* during the suspension. The minimum length of the suspension shall

be for three weeks (21 days), which will carry over to the next season of participation if the three weeks have elapsed. If the first session of the drug assistance program has not occurred at the end of the three weeks, the student will be suspended from practice and participation in games/events* until he/she has attended at least one session. Continued participation will be contingent on the student missing no session of the drug testing program.

*events for non athletic participants include, but are not limited to: concerts, performances, formal ASB duties and privileges, out-of-school club activities and trips, or any other club or organizational event deemed appropriate by the administration.

9.2) Second Positive Result

9.2.1) For the second positive test in the student's jr/sr high school career, the student will be suspended from the athletic co-curricular program for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic seasons in which the student participates (for non-athletic participants, a season is equal to 1 academic quarter).

9.3) Third Positive Result

9.3.1) For the third positive test in the student's jr/sr high school career, the student will be suspended from athletics co-curricular participation for the remainder of the athlete's student's jr/sr high school career.

The new drug testing policy, if approved, would be initially adopted at Heppner High School and then could be implemented at the other schools in the district if so desired. Heppner Principal Wade Smith said that they planned to implement the policy at HHS because drug testing has been a topic of discussion at school committees and in the Heppner community for around a year and a half.

Smith also answered some questions concerning the proposed policy. In response to a question as to why the district plans to only test those in co-curricular programs, rather than the student body as a whole, he told the assembly that it would be illegal because participating in a co-curricular program is voluntary, contrasted to being a part of the entire student body.

Smith said that if a student signs a waiver permitting drug testing, the waiver would apply for the whole year. For example, a student playing only football would play sports only for the fall quarter, but would be eligible for random drug testing the entire school year.

A student who does not sign the waiver will not be permitted to participate in any co-curricular activity. Smith said that the district's hope is that the policy would deter students from using drugs, give the student a way to say "no" when offered drugs and would get the student help if they voluntarily admitted drug use or failed a drug test.

In other business, the board heard a proposal from OSAA, which would revisit the schools classifications and add an additional classification for a "super" school of 1,201 students or more. Current OSAA school classifications are: 1A- 115 or fewer students; 2A- 116 to 325 students; 3A- 326 to

900 students and 4A- 901 or more. The proposed classifications would be as follows: 1A- 100 or fewer students; 2A- 101 to 250 students; 3A- 251 to 600 students; 4A- 601-1,200 students; and the new classification, 5A- 1,201 or more.

M C S D Superintendent Mark Burrows said that if the new classification were implemented, district high schools may not qualify for 2A status as they may have been with the current classification. Riverside High School, currently 3A under the old classification, still has Irrigon juniors and seniors enrolled, in addition to Boardman students. Next year Riverside would have Irrigon seniors and Boardman students. The following year, Boardman nine to 12 students will attend Riverside High School and Irrigon high school students will attend Irrigon High School.

Currently Riverside (3A) has 370 students in grades nine to 12 (next year around 317 are anticipated at RHS which would put the school in 2A under the current classification and in 3A under the proposed classification); Irrigon High School has around 150 freshmen and sophomores attending; and Heppner High School (2A) has around 135 students attending in grades nine to 12. Burrows said that he would work with OSAA to change the proposed classifications to try to keep Morrow County high schools within the 2A classification because it would cut down on extensive travel time for the students and ultimately be less costly for the district. Now HHS at 2A is in the CBC league, while Riverside at 3A is in the Greater Oregon League.

In other business, the board:

-learned that a grant request to Nike for funding of a track at Heppner High School was not successful. Smith said that asphaltting is anticipated to be around \$27,000 to \$28,000. He said that he plans to ask the Heppner Booster Club for funding, but still expects to be around \$5,000-\$10,000 short. He said that he had sought donations and plans to re-submit the grant request.

-heard reports from John Renfro on the district's alternative education program; from Dirk Dirksen on the Riverside High School student achievement goal report and from Joel Chavez on the English Language Learner program.

-approved a change in meeting dates for the Community Education Committee meetings.

-heard the following announcements: Veteran's Day Holiday, Nov. 11; Oregon School Boards Association convention, Portland, Nov. 12-14; Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 25-26; next regular board meeting, Heppner Elementary School, 7 p.m., Dec. 13.

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