

Spartanburg Five

Update on Random Drug Testing of Student Athletes

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Policy JJIE History

- Adopted June 2010 in response to drug related incidents involving student-athletes on and off campus.
- Policy Goals:
 - Deter drug use among student-athletes
 - Provide support for student-athletes who may make a poor decision in relationship to drugs
 - Provide support for student-athletes who may have substance dependency

Policy JJIE

- District Five is a leader among high schools for the drug testing program.
- Drug testing of student-athletes is common practice among college athletic programs.
- The policy does not take a punitive approach to substance usage and/or abuse.
- The program was established out of concern for the long-term success and overall well-being of our students.
- Student-athletes are provided support, should they test positive.

What is tested?

- Administrative Rule JJIE-R
- http://policy.microscribepub.com/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1007891209&advquery=&depth=2&headingswithhits=off&hitsperheading=off&info base=spartanburg5.nfo&record={1C6D}&softpage=PL_frame

Who We Use?

- Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (SDAC) used for testing
- Treatment provided by SDAC, or parents may seek private treatment

How is testing performed?

- Students and parents sign permission for testing prior to each sport season
- Students assigned a number – SDAC sends numbers for each testing period
- Goal is 80 tests per school year (testing substances in Rule JJIE-R)
 - 30 in fall
 - 20 in winter
 - 30 in spring
- Additional steroid tests administered to 4 students from the sample each school year (due to cost)
- Six numbers and three alternate numbers are chosen randomly for each test date

Future Program Enhancements

- To ease logistical concerns and ensure fair and equitable testing, we will begin to test students at each middle school and the freshman campus in spring 2015
- These students will continue to make up a part of the total sample number.
- Scheduling and location of team practices has made testing of 7-9 graders difficult in prior years

Positive Tests...

- Three positive tests confirmed since testing began:
 - Football
 - Girl's Soccer
 - Cheerleading
- Students who test positive are given the option to complete treatment and remain a member of the team, or face suspension from the athletic program.
 - Two students successfully completed the treatment program
 - One student refused the test and the treatment program.
- Treatment plans require continued drug testing until completion of the plan, at which time, the student-athlete returns to the regular random pool.

An Exemplar program...

- A number of schools and districts have contacted D5 for information about the drug testing program

Questions?