CUERO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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To the Parent/Guardian of Cuero ISD Student 7th-12th Grade:

Cuero ISD encourages students to participate in school-sponsored co-curricular and extracurricular activities and believes that the opportunity to participate in such activities, as well as the opportunity to drive to school and park on school property, and for eligible students to leave campus during lunchtime are privileges offered to students on an equal opportunity basis.

Cuero ISD believes drug testing student participants in school-sponsored co-curricular and extracurricular activities, as well as students who drive to school and park on school property and/or leave campus during lunchtime serves the important purpose of detecting and preventing illegal drug use among students. Furthermore, implementing random drug testing serves the following objectives:

- 1. To provide students a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs and alcohol;
- 2. To give students a valid reason to resist peer pressure to use illegal drugs and alcohol;
- 3. To prevent injury, illness, and harm as a result of the use of the illegal drugs and alcohol;
- 4. To maintain a school environment free of drug and alcohol use and its effects; and
- 5. To educate students as to the serious physical, mental, and emotional harm caused by the use of illegal drugs and alcohol.

"School-sponsored co-curricular or extracurricular activity" shall mean, without limitation, all 7th – 12th grade interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, academic UIL, special interest clubs and organizations, groups that perform musical performances or dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District.

Cuero ISD's policy on Random Drug Testing can be located on the Cuero ISD website, www.cueroisd.org under Required Postings/Health. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read this policy. Proponents of this program say drug testing students allows for early detection and intervention of teen drug use, thus increasing a student's chances to be successful in the future.

Cuero ISD and its staff care about all students and want to keep them healthy and in a safe learning environment.

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