

ACTIVITY STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY

The Bethel Board of Education in an effort to protect the health and safety of its extra-curricular activities students from illegal and/or performance-enhancing drug use and abuse, thereby setting an example for all other students of the Bethel Public School District, **proposed and adopted on May 9th, 2016 the following policy for drug testing of activity students.** The Bethel Public School District has adopted this policy for use by all participants in interscholastic extra-curricular activities in grades 7-12. "Activity Student" means a member of any middle or high school Bethel Public School District sponsored extra-curricular organization which participates in interscholastic competition. This includes any student that represents Bethel Schools in any extra-curricular activity in interscholastic competition such as FFA, Student Council, Academic Team, Band, Vocal, Cheerleading, and Athletics.

Participation in school-sponsored interscholastic extra-curricular activities at the Bethel Public School District is a privilege. Students who participate in these activities are respected by the student body and are representing the school district and the community. Accordingly, students in extra-curricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents, and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct, sportsmanship, and training, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs.

The purposes of this policy is:

1. To educate students of the serious physical, mental, and emotional harm caused by illegal drug use.
2. To alert students with possible substance abuse problems to the potential harms that drug use poses for their physical, mental, and emotional well-being and offer them the privilege of competition as an incentive to stop using such substances.
3. To assist students who wish to remain drug free that may feel pressured from peers to engage in such activities.
4. To prevent injury, illness, and harm for students that may arise as a result from illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.

5. To offer students within this school district the opportunity for practices, competition, and school activities free of the effects of illegal and performance-enhancing drug use.

The Bethel Activity Student Drug Testing Policy will be posted on the school's website for parents and students to review. After reviewing the policy the Student Drug Testing Consent must be read, signed, and dated by the student, parent or custodial guardian, and coach/sponsor before such student shall be eligible to practice or participate in any interscholastic activities. **No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any activity governed by the policy unless the student has returned the properly signed Student Drug Testing Consent.**

On Monday, July 25th, 2016 we will be conducting the annual physicals for all athletes from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each student will need to have a physical completed before they can practice in their perspective sport. The physicals will be performed by physicians and nurses from the St. Anthony's medical staff of Shawnee. They will conduct the physicals in the high school building and the doors will be open at 4:30. There will be a \$15.00 fee for the physical, checks can be made out to Bethel Athletic Department. On the same evening, we will be conducting for the **first time ever**, student activity drug-testing at the New Gym from 5:30-7:30 or until everyone is through. There will be a one-time student drug testing activity fee of \$25.00 per year, not per sport, for all 7th-12th graders. On this night only, we will conduct drug testing for the middle school and high school athletes that are playing fast-pitch softball and football, as well as high school Cross Country athletes. All other testing of students participating in activities and sports will be conducted at a time to be determined after the start of the school year which begins on August 19th, 2016.