



Center Independent School District

Superintendent,

Dr. Brian Morris

June 27, 2022

To the Parents / Students of Center Middle School and Center High School,

Center ISD is making the decision to work hard to ensure the health of our students. Therefore, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year any student who is involved with any kind of extra-curricular activity (For example athletics, band, theater, FFA, UIL Academics, or any other group), or who applies for a parking permit with Center High School, will be subject to random drug testing.

Over the last couple of years, we have found several students who have come to school under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In an effort to keep our students safe, we want to provide this service. If a student tests positive, a second test will be administered to verify the first test was positive. We are still working on the punitive measures. **They have not been defined** but could resemble something like the following:

First Positive Test – A verifying test administered, if positive the student could receive a short suspension.

Second Positive Test – A verifying test administered, if positive the student could receive a longer suspension.

Third Positive Test – A verifying test administered, if positive the student could be suspended for up to one calendar year.

Fourth Positive Test – A verifying test administered, if positive the student would be suspended from participation for the rest of their high school years.

Along with the punitive measures, the students will receive counseling sessions with our Campus Needs Liaisons for their respective campuses. Our goal is to put the focus on student safety and well-being. If this keeps one student from doing something bad, then it is worth the time and money spent on it. This too, will be in our upcoming code of conduct. Again, we are not trying to do anything but make our public aware of this ahead of time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Morris