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To: Parents of student athletes (TSSAA) at Beech High School
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This is to inform you of the Sumner County Board of Education policy that affects all students that participate in sport(s) while attending a Sumner County School. As of August 2013 the Board of Education has passed a board policy stating that all TSSAA athletes will participate in a random drug test. Athletic Director Kristi L. Utley has included pertinent information along with a consent form for all student athletes and their parents. If you have any questions feel free to contact Kenneth Powell or Kristi L. Utley

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Purpose:

The primary purposes of the drug education and testing policy and procedures for student-athletes are:

1. To employ education, testing, and counseling to deter drug use, and where deterrence is unsuccessful, to terminate athletic participation;
2. To educate those students on the physiological and psychological dangers inherent in the misuse of drugs and alcohol;
3. To protect those students from the health-related risks inherent the misuse of drugs and alcohol;
4. To provide a testing program to identify student-athletes who are improperly using drugs and to assist them through education and counseling before they injure themselves or others or become physiologically dependent; and
5. To reassure students, parents, and the community that the health and academic progress of each student is the primary goal of Beech High School.



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Students participating in athletics will be subject to random testing for the use and/or abuse of illegal or controlled drugs. Student-athletes who are under the care of a physician and must take a prescribed medication must provide documentation from that physician

Violations of the Drug Education and Testing Policy will be cumulative and follow the student throughout his/her high school career. Testing positive for illegal or controlled substances will result in the following consequences:

1st Positive Test Result: The athletic coach or sponsor, certified athletic trainer or school administrator, parent(s), guardian(s), and student will be notified that a positive test result has occurred. The student will be suspended immediately from all practices, competitions, and participation in any scheduled voluntary activity for a period of thirty (30) days beginning with the date the test results are received. If the results are received in the “off-season”, the thirty (30) day suspension period will begin at the start of the first official practice of the next sport season in which they participate. The student and parent(s)/guardians(s) will meet with the athletic coach or sponsor, certified athletic trainer or school administrator concerning the risk of drug use, assistance that is available and the consequences of any subsequent drug test. At the conclusion of the thirty (30) day suspension period, the student must submit to an additional drug test before reinstatement; a positive result of this test would be a second offense for the student.

This 30-day suspension from all activities shall be held in abeyance if the student agrees to participate in a 4 week-counseling program through STARS or a similar service. At the conclusion of the counseling program, the student must submit to an additional drug test before reinstatement; a positive result of this drug test would be a second offense for the student.

2nd Positive Test Result: Second Offense: The athletic coach or sponsor, certified athletic trainer or school administrator, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student will be notified that a second positive test result has occurred. Students failing a drug test for the second time will be suspended for sixty (60) days from all practices, competitions, and participation in any scheduled athletic activity and are required to participate in counseling, either through STARS or a licensed, accredited agency outside of school at the expense of the parent. The student and parent(s)/guardians(s) will meet with the athletic coach or sponsor, certified athletic trainer or school administrator concerning assistance that is available and the consequences of any subsequent drug test. At the conclusion of the sixty (60) day suspension period, the student must submit to an additional drug test before reinstatement; a positive result of this drug test would be a third offense for the student.



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3rd Positive Test Result: The athletic coach or sponsor, certified athletic trainer or school administrator, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student will be notified that a third positive test result has occurred. Upon a third positive test result, the student will lose the privilege of any further participation in any athletics in any capacity for the remainder of his/her high school career. Application for the reinstatement will not be considered.

Violation/Refusal: A student who attempts to alter a sample, or otherwise provides an invalid sample, or whom refuses to provide a sample as requested according to the program will be considered “positive” for the test date. He/she will then be handled according to the above stated consequences, and the parent or guardian will be notified.

Please detach the consent form on the following page and have your student-athlete return it to his/her coach. The student-athlete will not be eligible to participate in practice until the consent form has been returned.

