
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY STUDENTS AND BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING

The Board of Education has determined that the use of alcohol by minors represents a serious threat to the welfare of its students.

The possession, transportation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages during school hours, or during school sponsored activities and events is strictly prohibited.

The consumption of alcohol by students during school hours, or during school sponsored activities and events is strictly prohibited. The presence of students who have consumed alcohol on or off school campus during school sponsored activities and events, is strictly prohibited.

Therefore, to promote a safe, healthy and productive environment, the District implements the following breath alcohol testing policy with respect to students suspected of consumption of alcohol.

Use of Breath Alcohol Analysis Devices:

When determining whether a student has consumed alcohol or is under the influence of alcohol either during the school day or at a school related/sponsored event, the safety of the student is the primary concern. An assessment of a student's suspected alcohol use may be aided by the use of a breath alcohol testing device which indicates the presence or absence of alcohol. Breath alcohol testing is authorized when there is reasonable suspicion that a student has consumed or is in possession of alcohol. The determination of reasonable suspicion will be based on, but not limited to, any one or more of the following indicators:

- Flushed face
- Red, watery, glassy or bloodshot eyes
- Odor of alcohol on breath, clothing or person
- Slurred speech/unable to follow instructions
- Failure to comprehend questions
- Impaired motor skills (i.e. unsteady feet, swaying, etc.)
- Being combative, argumentative or inordinately jovial while talking
- Lack of awareness in regard to time and place
- Vomiting
- Found in possession of product containing alcohol

Upon adoption, copies of this policy will be distributed to and reviewed with all staff, students, and parent(s) or guardian(s) annually.

Cross-ref: 5300 – Code of Conduct
 5440 Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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