

ALCOHOL/ALCOHOL SENSOR DEVICE

The Board of Education is committed to discouraging and eliminating use of alcohol by students attending instruction or any other school functions or activities. Therefore, any student for whom there is a reasonable suspicion of the consumption, possession, sale or distribution of alcohol before or during the school day, prior to or during and extra-curricular, interscholastic, or other school related function, whether conducted on or away from school property, may be required to submit to an alcohol sensor test. This policy shall be implemented in accordance with administrative regulations adopted for that purpose. It is not the purpose of this policy to conduct random testing of students. The Board of Education and administration intend to have this alcohol sensor policy serve as a deterrent to students attending school or school functions from consuming alcohol.

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ALCOHOL/ALCOHOL SENSOR DEVICE REGULATION

Any student, about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of the consumption, possession, sale or distribution of alcohol before or during the school day, prior to or during any extra-curricular, interscholastic, or other school-related function, whether conducted on or away from school property, may be required to submit to an alcohol sensor test. The following standards shall be adhered to:

1. A student about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of consumption of alcohol shall be referred to the appropriate administrator for the purposes of an alcohol sensor examination. A student shall be considered “under the influence” if he or she has consumed alcohol within the time period reasonably proximate to his/her presence at a school event or school related function; or in quantities that make consumption evident. Indicia of reasonable suspicion may include, but will not be limited to, alcohol odor, slurred speech, unsteady gait, lack of coordination, presence in the vicinity of an alcohol container, bloodshot or glazed eyes, or other information as is reasonable determined to raise a reasonable suspicion as to alcohol consumption.
2. Alcohol sensor tests shall be administered only by the principal, assistant principal, other administrator, or designee who has been trained in alcohol sensor test administration.
3. There will be, where practicable, two people present when an observation checklist is completed and the alcohol sensor test is administered. (For example, another school administrator, teacher or teaching assistant)
4. The student will have two opportunities to take the alcohol sensor test. The initial test may be administered at any time. A second test will be conducted fifteen minutes after the first test has been administered. The results of the alcohol test will be documented and attached to the observation checklist.
5. The student will be discretely escorted to a secure area where he/she will be kept in observation and questioned regarding the concern of alcohol consumption. If the student acknowledges having consumed alcohol, no alcohol sensor test will be administered. If the student denies alcohol consumption, but it is determined that a reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption, nevertheless, exists, the test will be administered.
6. All alcohol sensor tests will be conducted in a secure location, to the extent possible, away from other students.
7. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted regardless of test results, and will be instructed to come to the school/activity and transport the student home if the student tests positive.

8. Students who test positive following an alcohol sensor test may be subjected to disciplinary consequences as otherwise set forth in the policy or code of conduct.
9. Refusal to submit to the alcohol sensor test will be considered a positive test for purposes of this policy.
10. The school District will work with any student and family with regard to counseling and alcohol abuse education.

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