

SUBJECT: BREATHALYZER USE AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

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JURISDICTION: RSU 73 Schools**POLICY: BREATHALYZER USE AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

It is the intent of the Board to discourage the use of alcohol by students attending school-sponsored events and activities, whether taking place on or away from school property. For the purpose of this policy, "school property" includes grounds, buildings, buses, gymnasiums, facilities rented / leased by the District and other premises utilized for school-sponsored activities and / or events.

In order to ensure a safe environment for students, staff, and others, the Board authorizes the building principal / designees to administer a breathalyzer test when reasonable suspicion exists to believe a student has consumed alcohol. It is not the intent of this policy to use breathalyzers for random or wholesale testing of students.

Building principals / designees will be trained by competent professionals how to effectively and accurately administer breathalyzer tests.

Breathalyzer tests will be conducted in an area away from student traffic.

Depending on the situation, the principal / designee may contact law enforcement for assistance.

A reading indicating a student has consumed alcohol will be taken into consideration, along with all other relevant information, in determining whether a violation of school policy has occurred. Any student who refuses to take a breathalyzer test when asked to do so will be considered as having tested "positive" and will be disciplined in accordance with Board policy JICH and student discipline procedures.

If the student tests "positive," the student's parents / guardians will be contacted and instructed to come to the school event / activity and transport their child home unless the student has been placed under arrest.

The results of all breathalyzer tests will be documented and forwarded to the building principal, Superintendent, and the student's parents / guardians. The student will be referred to the school social worker.

Cross Reference: JICH - Drug and Alcohol use by Students

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