
Administrative Procedure – Administration of Breathalyzer Tests

Because of the District’s concern for the health and safety of its students and in an effort to deter student drinking, students and guests who attend school events may be subject to random breathalyzer tests.

In addition, where there is reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of alcohol while on school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity or event, or traveling to or from school or a school-sponsored activity or event, school authorities may require the student to submit to a breathalyzer test. For purposes of this policy, “reasonable suspicion” means individual, articulable suspicion that the student is under the influence of a prohibited substance. Information sufficient to create a reasonable suspicion may include, but is not limited to, any or all of the following: (a) reports from other students or staff of verbal or other conduct by the student suggestive of alcohol use; (b) direct observation of student behavior suggestive of alcohol use; and/or (c) direct observation of the student’s appearance or physical condition that suggests such use.

Breathalyzer tests shall be administered in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Breathalyzer tests may only be administered by school officials who have been properly trained to administer breathalyzer tests. Breathalyzer tests may only be administered with a breathalyzer testing machine owned, maintained, and calibrated by the law enforcement agency or by the District in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
2. Appropriate steps shall be taken to protect student privacy during breathalyzer testing. Students shall be informed that they may refuse the breathalyzer test.
3. Students attending school events shall be selected for breathalyzer testing using a predetermined method that gives each student an equal chance of being selected (e.g. every Nth student to arrive, every Nth student on the roster).
4. Upon referral for breathalyzer testing, the administrator shall complete a documentation form indicating whether the test was a result of random selection or reasonable suspicion, as well as the results of the test (or whether the student refused).
5. A student’s parents shall be contacted upon the student’s referral for breathalyzer testing based on reasonable suspicion. Whenever the results of a breathalyzer test are positive, the student’s parents shall also be contacted as soon as practicable.
6. When a breathalyzer test is administered at random, a student’s refusal to participate or a positive test result shall be used as a basis for denying the student the privilege of attending the school event. A positive test result may result in additional consequences such as attendance at an alcohol education program, meetings with the Student Assistance Program

coordinator, or other intervention, and will constitute a violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

7. A student's refusal to participate in a breathalyzer test based on reasonable suspicion will be considered evidence that the student is under the influence of alcohol.

The building principal shall provide annual written notice of the District's policy regarding breathalyzer testing to students and their parents/guardians.