

Students

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON USE OF BREATHALYZERS

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1. High school personnel will provide notice to parents and students that breathalyzers will be used at all school-sponsored dances and other selected school sponsored events both on and off site. Notice of the use of breathalyzers will be included in the student handbook as well as on permission slips requiring a parent signature to the specific event. The notice may also be publicized by other means, such as tickets to the event or flyer/notices of the event.
2. The breathalyzers will be used in a passive mode to test each student and his/her guest upon entering the event. Passing the test will be required to attend the event.
3. School personnel will be trained in the proper maintenance, calibration, and use of the unit by appropriate personnel.
4. In the case of a student or his/her guest failing the procedure and denying that he/she has consumed alcohol, the individual will be retested in a private location and under administrative supervision. There will be two administrators/chaperones present for this portion of the test.
5. It may be necessary during high school-sponsored events to re-administer a breathalyzer test to a student or his/her guest whose demeanor has caused reasonable suspicion that he/she may be under the influence of alcohol. Such behavior may include but not limited to:
 - the use or possession of alcohol;
 - odor of an alcoholic beverage or the presence of an alcohol container;
 - slurred speech;
 - unsteady gait;
 - lack of coordination;
 - bloodshot or glazed eyes;
 - marked change in personal behavior not attributable to other factors;
 - behavior that is risky, aggressive, or disruptive;
 - a report by a third party of a student's consumption of alcohol;
 - involvement in accidents or mishaps; or
 - other such information as is reasonable to raise suspicion as to the consumption of alcohol.

The student/guest will be escorted to a private location where school personnel in the presence of a third party will re-administer the breathalyzer test. Should a student/guest refuse to take the test and denies having consumed any alcohol, the judgment of the school personnel is upheld, and the student will face consequences as outlined by the district's disciplinary procedures, the student and/or the guest will be prohibited from further participation in the event.

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6. In the case of failure on the retest at the beginning or during the event, the student's parent or guardian will be notified. The parents will be requested to come and pick the student up from the event. High school personnel will take appropriate action to ensure the safety and well-being of the student/guest and others and to remain consistent with school policy referencing these types of situations. The student will face consequences as outlined by the district's disciplinary procedures.

References

Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 14-227b. Implied consent to test operator's blood, breath, or urine. Testing procedures.
License suspension. Hearing.

Trumbull Board of Education Policies

Standard of Conduct, Policy Code: JFC

Drug and Alcohol Policy, Policy Code: JFCH

Fairfield Board of Education Policies

Code of Behavior 5313; 5313 AR

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