

## R5145.12(a)

### Students

#### Search and Seizure

#### Breathalyzer

With the health and well-being and safety of students in mind, breathalyzer testing may be available at all school dances, proms, and other school sponsored activities, and will be used to minimize doubt regarding utilization of alcohol, to address denial of alcohol use, to enable students to obtain help when needed and to reinforce the zero tolerance message regarding alcohol and drug use.

A. Except as stated in Section B below, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A student suspected of alcohol consumption meets with the administrator.
2. The student may opt to refute the use of alcohol through the breathalyzer test.
3. The test will be administered by trained personnel.
4. The test results will be used either to refute the judgment of the administrator or to support the judgment related to the use of alcohol.
5. For students who do not refute the administrator's judgment or opt not to use the breathalyzer test as part of the decision process, the judgment of the administrator will be followed and standard discipline procedures will be applied.
6. Discipline procedures will be applied as specified in the School handbook, Board of Education Policy, and Administrative Regulations.

B. For proms, dances, and other school sponsored activities outside of the school day, the Superintendent may, in his/her discretion, authorize the building administration to administer breathalyzer tests to students and their guests as they enter the event. If the Superintendent authorizes the administering of breathalyzer testing under this section, the following procedures will be followed:

1. The tests will be administered by trained personnel prior to the admission of students and their guests to the event.

2. Students and guests who refuse to take the breathalyzer test will be denied entry to the event.
3. Students and guests whose breathalyzer test results indicate that they have been drinking alcohol will be denied entry to the event and their parents will be contacted.
4. In no event will a guest be permitted to enter the event if the student whom he/she is accompanying refuses to take the breathalyzer test or is determined to have been drinking as a result of the test.
5. Intentional avoidance of the required breathalyzer testing will result in immediate expulsion from the event and discipline procedures will be applied as specified in the School handbook, Board of Education Policy, and Administrative Regulations.

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Board Policy and Administrative Regulation References:

Policy No. 5114	Student Discipline
Policy No. 5131.6	Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including performance enhancing substances).
Regulation R5131.6	Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco
Policy No. 5145.12	Search and Seizure
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