

USE OF BREATHALYZER

The Building Principal and/or Assistant Principals at the high school are authorized to administer breathalyzer¹ tests to High School students on school property or vehicles or while they are attending school-sponsored events, wherever such activities take place.

The breathalyzer will be used only after reasonable suspicion has been formed that a student has consumed alcohol, and the student involved denies the use.

The student will be asked by the Building Principal or Assistant Principal to consent to the use of the breathalyzer. If the student refuses the request, he/she will be informed that the refusal to consent to the breathalyzer is a Level IV offense under the Londonderry School District's Behavior Standards (Policy JG-R). After being so informed, the student will be asked once again to consent to the breath test. Since reasonable suspicion has been established, failure to consent with knowledge of the consequences shall result in imposition of discipline consistent with Londonderry School District's Behavior Standards relative to Level IV offenses.

If the test results are positive and student still denies use or possession, the student shall be offered a second test that shall take place no less than fifteen minutes after the first.

If the initial test results are negative, the Building Principal or Assistant Principal may choose to administer the test a second time no less than fifteen minutes after the first.

If, based on the totality of circumstances, it is determined that the student is under the influence of alcohol, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with Londonderry School District's Behavior Standards relative to Level IV offenses.

If it is concluded that the student is under the influence of alcohol, and there is a medical emergency, standard school procedures should be followed. In all other cases, the student shall be isolated and cared for by the school nurse or other designated person until a parent or other responsible adult can take charge of the student. The student should not be left unsupervised. If by the close of school or at the end of the activity, no responsible adult has taken charge of the student, the student shall be surrendered to the custody of the police or the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF).

In any case of the use of a breathalyzer, parents will be notified of its use and results.

¹The term "breathalyzer" shall include portable Personal Breath Test (PBT), AlcoBlow, Intoxilyzer or other reliable and commercially available device(s) for estimating the blood alcohol content (BAC) from a breath sample.

Cross References:

Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use By Students, JFCI
Breathalyzer Policy, JFCL
Student Behavior Standards/Code of Conduct, JG
Student Behavior Standards, JG-R

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