



## **Alcohol Sensor Device Policy**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Barrington Public Schools (BPS) is committed to the health and well-being of students, staff, and the community. As such, we believe that it is our responsibility to provide measures to prevent underage inappropriate and/or illicit substance use at school events. Also, BPS is responsible for following state and federal laws and regulations. Students are prohibited from using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol on school property or school-related functions. Therefore, BPS reserves the right to use an alcohol sensor device to deter the use and possession of alcohol in schools and at school activities. It is not the purpose of this policy to conduct random testing of students. Instead, this policy is intended to deter students attending school or school functions from consuming alcohol.

### **II. UNIVERSAL TESTING**

All students and their guests attending school dances/proms/semi-formals will be required to take a breathalyzer test or similar before entering the event.

- If the results of such a test prove positive or, a student or guest declines to participate, for the safety of students and others, the individual will be denied entry to the event and, by procedures adopted by the Superintendent, will be released into the custody of their parent or guardian or, if they are unavailable, to another responsible adult on their emergency contact to transport the individual safely home.
- Per procedures adopted by the Superintendent, school officials will also refer the student to the student assistance counselor.
- Students may also face the consequences based on Interscholastic Team Rules. ● If the results of the test prove positive or the student declines to participate, the student may be subject to disciplinary action following the individual school's code of conduct, and school officials will call their parents/guardians to pick them up.
- If the School Resource Officer is present, the sensor's purpose is for the student and community's safety, not for legal purposes. The SRO will intercede only if a student suspected of being under the influence refuses to cooperate with the administration to the extent that they may place themselves or others in danger by driving or engaging in other dangerous activities.
- In the instance of concern regarding the individual's health and safety, administrators may also call emergency services.



**III. REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING**

Indicators of reasonable suspicion may include, but will not be limited to, alcohol odor, slurred speech, unsteady gait, lack of coordination, presence in the vicinity of an alcohol container, bloodshot or glazed eyes, or such other information that raises a reasonable suspicion as to alcohol consumption.

The alcohol sensor devices may be used during the school day as deemed appropriate by the building principals as follows:

- A student about whom there is a reasonable suspicion shall be referred to an administrator.
- If the administrator determines that such reasonable suspicion exists, the student shall be given the option to submit to the use of an alcohol sensor device.
- School officials will direct the student to an office or other area where they will be kept in observation and questioned regarding alcohol consumption.
- The sensor will be administered in a confidential location away from other students to protect privacy.
- Only a trained administrator or the school nurse will administer the sensor to ensure the reliability of outcomes.
- If the test results prove positive or the student declines to participate, the student may be subject to disciplinary action following the individual school's code of conduct, and school officials will call their parents/guardians to pick them up.
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