Alcohol Screening Acknowledgement – USD #471 Dexter Schools

A student's participation in any extracurricular activity, including, but not limited to, sports and dances, is a privilege, not a right; therefore, students who wish to take part in extracurricular activities, and their parents, guardians or other responsible persons, will be required to sign a form acknowledging that they have read and understand the alcohol screening policy.

Extracurricular activities are an important part of the overall educational program at Dexter High School. A well-rounded education is not only academically oriented, but also includes physical, social, and emotional development. We at Dexter High School believe students will be productive, responsible citizens of the society in which they live.

As condition of admission to school-sponsored dances, a signed copy of this form must be on file at the school to acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the attached Alcohol Screening policy. Thank you in advance for supporting a safe and enjoyable evening for our students.

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Student/Guest Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Handbook

Breathalyzer Testing In accordance JDDA, no student shall possess, use, be under the influence of, sell, or transfer any alcoholic beverage on school property, at any location of a school-sponsored activity, or in route to or from school or a school-sponsored activity. Violation of this policy shall constitute reason for disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion from school and suspensions or dismissal from athletic teams. (Refer to policy listed above on procedures/consequences and athletics/extra-curricular)

1. When an administrator has reasonable suspicion that a student is under the influence of alcohol at school or a school-sponsored event, the student shall be given the option to take a breathalyzer test. If screening results are negative, no action will be taken. A student testing positive on the first test will be administered a second test fifteen minutes later. If the student tests positive on the second test or if the student declines to take the test when reasonable suspicion exists, he/she shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as set out in the DHD student handbook.
2. Indications of reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption may include, but are not limited to, such characteristics as alcohol odor, slurred speech, unsteady gait, lack of coordination, presence of an alcohol container, bloodshot or glazed eyes, marked change in personal behavior, a report by a third party of a student's consumption of alcohol or other similar information, or behavior that is risky, aggressive, or disruptive.

The following steps will be followed if a student tests positive for a second time:

1. The parents or guardians will be notified;
2. The superintendent or his designee shall be notified;
3. If the student is in possession of an illegal item a referral will be made to law enforcement;
4. No student will be allowed to drive him or herself home if he/she has received a positive breathalyzer test result.
5. Law enforcement may be contacted if school personnel are unable to contact a parent or legal guardian.

If deemed medically necessary by the supervising administrator, a student testing positive or refusing to take the test may be transported to the emergency room of the nearest hospital if the student's parents cannot be contacted or will not be readily available to pick the student up. The student shall be accompanied by a staff member designated by the supervising administrator. The student shall be appropriately supervised by staff while awaiting medical treatment, the arrival of the parents/guardians, and/or during transportation.