

JDDAA – Alcohol Screening Policy

Alcohol use by a student is illegal and poses a serious threat not only to the student's own safety and well-being, but also to the safety and well-being of the entire school community. Therefore, alcohol use by students will not be tolerated during or after school hours, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event or activity. When determining whether or not alcohol has been used or consumed by a student at a school-related function, or whether they are intoxicated, the safety of the student involved and the safety of other students, school staff and members of the general public, are the school district's primary concerns.

If a supervising administrator believes that a student has used alcohol based on the observation of behavior, lack of coordination, or smelling alcohol on the student's breath, he or she may take action to confirm the suspicion. An assessment of a student's possible or suspected alcohol use may be aided by utilizing breath alcohol testing devices, such as breathalyzers, which indicate the presence or absence of alcohol in a person's system. The intended purpose of having breath alcohol testing available is to prevent alcohol use by students. School Administration have been trained by Parsons Law enforcement officers to administer the alcohol breathalyzer tests pursuant to manufacturer's instructions. These tests may be conducted by school administration or officers from the Parsons Police Department, including School Resource Officers. Any student who is determined to be under the influence of alcohol will be dealt with by the Parsons Police Department according to the law. That includes the possible issuance of a criminal citation, transportation to the County Jail for processing, and later court appearances, as other possible consequences.

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.

BREATHALYZER TESTING POLICY BEFORE ADMITTANCE TO DANCE

In an effort to maintain an alcohol-free environment at school dances, all students and guests of students in attendance at school sponsored dances will be required to take a breathalyzer test upon entry.

Students will enter at one entrance point for the dance or activity so the breathalyzer test may be administered.

If the breathalyzer registers that a student has been drinking alcohol, a second test will be administered after a 10 minute interval. Students will not be allowed to leave by themselves after a positive test. If the student's test comes up positive again, the student will be questioned and his/her parents will be contacted to come pick up the student.

Students who receive two positive test results will be subject to discipline up to and including suspension and expulsion. Any student refusing to take the breathalyzer test will not be allowed to attend the dance.

Included in the Student Handbook is the alcohol and drug policy. Students and their guests will be screened by alcohol breathalyzers at school dances and may be screened at other school activities. Any student who wishes to bring a guest to a school dance must provide the principal with a breathalyzer test submission form, signed by the guest and the guest's parent(s), prior to attending the dance. As a condition of admission to a school-sponsored activity, a signed copy of the Alcohol Screening Acknowledgement must be on file at the school.

Every student attending school or school-related events or activities (whether within or outside the school district), is expected to follow the Student Handbook.

Alcohol Screening Acknowledgement

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

As a 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 USD 503 Alcohol Screening policy.

Student/Guest Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Breathalyzer Testing With Reasonable Suspicion

The administrator(s) may decide to test upon reasonable suspicion that a particular student or students was/were under the influence of alcohol at school, on or in school property, or at school sponsored activities, programs, or events. Indications of reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption may include, but are not limited to, such characteristics as alcohol odor, slurred speech, and 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.

Procedures for Positive Breathalyzer Test Results

Any student who tests positive after the first breathalyzer test will be given a second test after 10 minutes (on a different device, if available) in the presence of a second administrator, designee or school security guard. If a student tests positive for a second time:

1. The parents or guardians will be notified;
2. The chief school administrator or his/or designee shall be notified;
3. No student will be allowed to drive him or herself home if he/she has received a positive breathalyzer test result.
4. If deemed medically necessary by the supervising administrator, the student 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.

Results of any breathalyzer testing will be treated as confidential student information. Students found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including, suspension and/or expulsion from school in accordance with JDDA.