

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR USE OF BREATHALYZERS AT SCHOOL
OR AT SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS
SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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1. The Shelton School System supports the use of breathalyzers during school-sponsored event (on or off school grounds) or during the school day as a deterrent to the use of alcohol by underage drinkers.
2. Extracurricular/Voluntary School Sponsored Events

Students will be notified prior to any extracurricular or voluntary school-sponsored event (e.g., prom promise, swirl contract, student handbook, website, etc.) where a breathalyzer may be used that they could be required to submit to a breathalyzer test. Students will be notified that they will be denied entry and/or be removed from the event or activity (and could possibly face additional disciplinary action) in the event that they are found to have consumed and/or possessed alcohol at, or before a school-sponsored event.

1. The breathalyzers may be administered in one of the two following ways, at the discretion of the event organizers and/or the Administration:
 - a. Event organizers may develop a systematic way of randomly identifying students to be tested (e.g. every third student), in order to avoid any claim of discrimination or other differential treatment;
 - or-
 - b. Event organizers may decide to test only upon reasonable suspicion that a particular student or students was/were under the influence of alcohol.
1. For purposes of this regulation, indications of reasonable suspicion 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 or other similar information.
2. Event organizers/supervisors and school personnel will be trained in the proper use of available breathalyzers. Breathalyzers will be properly calibrated and maintained in accordance with accepted
3. Any student who tests positive after the first breathalyzer test will be brought to another location and be given a second test on a different breathalyzer after 10 minutes in order to secure an additional accurate reading. Additional breathalyzers will be available in the event another test is necessary to be used as a control or baseline test.
4. If said student tests positive for a second time, his/her parents will be called to pick up the student from the school-sponsored event.
5. Any student who refuses to take a breathalyzer test may be excluded, or removed, from the extracurricular or school-sponsored event and/or may face additional disciplinary consequences.
6. Additional disciplinary action may follow which could include in-school suspension, out of school suspension or other disciplinary consequences, consistent with district policies and procedures.

10. Police will monitor any extracurricular or school-sponsored events where breathalyzers may be used. However, police will not be involved in the screening process or in the

disciplinary action by school officials on students who do not adhere to the “no alcohol” rule.

- 11 **Breathalyzers During the School Day** Trained school personnel may ask that a student submit to a breathalyzer test during the school day if there is reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol while in attendance at school. The breathalyzer test will be administered as noted above, with an opportunity for a second test after 10 minutes. If the student tests positive for a second time, his/her parents may be called and the student may face disciplinary consequences consistent with district policies and procedures.
12. Results of any breathalyzer testing will be maintained in a confidential manner, to the extent practicable.