

BREATHALYZER POLICY
Londonderry High School

1. Students who consume alcohol pose a direct safety risk to themselves, staff, other students, and the community-at-large.
2. In order to ensure a safe environment for all students, staff and the community-at-large, the Londonderry School Board authorizes Building Principals and Assistant Principals 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, when there is a reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed alcohol. It is not the intent of this policy to authorize the use of the breathalyzer for random or wholesale testing on school property.
3. Building Principals and Assistant Principals may administer a breathalyzer test to any student provided that there is “reasonable suspicion” that the student has consumed alcohol.
5. Reasonable suspicion may be based on signs or indicia of alcohol consumption including, but not limited to, a student’s physical impairment, unusual behavior, slurred speech, blood shot or glassy eyes, odor of alcoholic beverages, or any other behavior or information that provides a reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed alcohol.
6. In the event a Building Principal or Assistant Principal does administer a breathalyzer test, a report shall be prepared indicating the outcome of the test. A breathalyzer reading indicating that a student has consumed alcohol will be used, along with any other relevant information, in determining that a violation of school policy has occurred.
7. The School Board will be notified in the quarterly discipline report of the use of the breathalyzer test.
8. Any student who refuses to take a breathalyzer test, when the Building Principal or Assistant Principal has reasonable suspicion that the student may be under the influence of alcohol, may be disciplined as a Level IV offense as set forth in Londonderry School District’s Behavior Standards (Policy JG-R). The student will first be advised of the consequences of such refusal.
9. For the purposes of this policy, “school property” shall include, at school, in any school building, on any school district property, at any school approved activity, or in any school-approved vehicle while such vehicle is being used to transport students to or from school or any school approved activity. This policy applies before, during, and after school hours.

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

Cross References:

Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use By Students, JFCI
Student Behavior Standards/Code of Conduct, JG
Student Behavior Standards, JG-R
Administering Medication to Students, JHCD
Parental Permission for Over the Counter Medication, JHCD-E
Student Discipline and Due Process, JICD

Legal References:

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils
RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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