

# SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SRSD File: JICHA

### **BREATHALYZER USE**

#### **Statement of Policy:**

Students that have consumed alcohol or are in possession of alcohol pose a direct safety risk to themselves, staff, other students, and the community-at-large.

In order to ensure a safe environment, the Board authorizes the building Principal to administer Breathalyzer tests to students while on school property. The purpose of this policy is to authorize the use of the Breathalyzer for cause when reasonable suspicion exists to believe a 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.

The building Principal or Assistant Principal is authorized to administer a Breathalyzer test to any student, provided there is reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed alcohol. Reasonable suspicion may include, but is not limited to, physical impairment, odor of alcohol, unusual behavior, blood shot or glassy eyes, or any other behavior or information that provides the Principal to have a reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed alcohol.

Prior to their use, Building Principals / Assistant Principals will be trained by competent professionals how to effectively and accurately administer the Breathalyzer tests.

A reading indicating a student has consumed alcohol will be taken into consideration, along with all other relevant information, in determining whether a violation of school policy has occurred. Any student who refuses to take a Breathalyzer test when so asked may be disciplined in accord with Student Discipline policies.

In the event a building Principal does administer a Breathalyzer test, s/he shall prepare a report indicating the date, time and outcome of the test, as well as those factors that formed the basis of his/her reasonable suspicion that the student had consumed alcohol.

For the purposes of this policy, "school property" shall include, but is not limited to, school grounds, buildings, buses, gymnasiums, facilities rented and/or leased by the School District, and other facilities or premises utilized for school-sponsored activities and/or events.

#### **Related:**

See also: Policies: ADB, GBEC, JICH

#### **History:**

Effective: June 12, 2019