

ALCOHOL/BREATHALYZER REGULATIONS

The regulations are for the purposes of administration and enforcement of Policy 7331, entitled Alcohol/Breathalyzer Policy.

Any student, about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of the consumption of alcohol before or during the school day, prior to or during any extra-curricular, inter-scholastic, or other school-related function, whether conducted on or away from school property, may be required to submit to a breathalyzer test. The following standards shall be adhered to:

1. A student about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of consumption of alcohol shall be referred to the appropriate administrator for the purposes of a breathalyzer examination. Indicia of reasonable suspicion may include, but will not be limited to, alcohol odor, slurred speech, unsteady gait, lack of coordination, presence in the vicinity of an alcohol container, bloodshot or glazed eyes, or such other information as is reasonable determined to raise a reasonable suspicion as to alcohol consumption.
2. Breathalyzer tests shall be administered only by the principal, assistant principal, or other administrator or designee who has been trained in breathalyzer test administration.
3. The student will be directed to an office or other area where he/she will be kept in observation and questioned regarding the concern of alcohol consumption. If the student acknowledges having consumed alcohol, no breathalyzer will be administered. If the student denies alcohol consumption, but it is determined that a reasonable suspicion of alcohol consumption, nevertheless, exists, the test will be administered.
4. All breathalyzer tests will be conducted in a secure location, to the extent possible, away from other students.
5. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted and instructed to come to the school/activity and transport the student home if the student tests positive.
6. Students who test positive following a breathalyzer test may be subjected to disciplinary consequences as otherwise set forth in the policy or utilized in the West Islip School District.
7. Refusal to submit to the breathalyzer test will be considered a positive test for purposes of this policy.