

ISLAND TREES SCHOOL DISTRICT BREATHALYZER TESTING

Island Trees High School is committed to discouraging and eliminating the use of alcohol by students participating and attending extracurricular activities. Any school official, including, but not limited to teachers, guidance counselors, deans, social workers, coaches and/or psychologists, who has a reasonable suspicion that a student is intoxicated or has consumed alcohol shall immediately notify a designated employee and escort the student, if possible, to a location where he/she will not be a danger to himself/herself or others. A “designated employee” shall be limited to principals, assistant principals and nurses or any other designee of the Superintendent of Schools. The designated employee shall immediately make an independent investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the student’s alleged conduct. In such investigation, the designated employee may rely upon the first hand knowledge of any school official or reliable informant. Upon the finding of reasonable suspicion of the use of alcohol prior to or during such extracurricular, interscholastic or other school-related function whether conducted on or away from school property a student may be required to submit to an alcohol detection test, e.g. Breathalyzer test. The District official administering the Breathalyzer test will be trained in the proper use of the device and its administration.

The Use of Breathalyzers

Breathalyzer testing is authorized when there is reasonable suspicion that a student has consumed or is in possession of alcohol. The determination of reasonable suspicion will be based on, but not limited to, any one or more of the following:

- Flushed face
- Red, watery, glassy or bloodshot eyes
- Odor of alcohol on breath, clothing or person
- Slurred speech/unable to follow directions
- Failure to comprehend questions
- Impaired motor skills (i.e. unsteady feet, swaying, etc.)
- Being combative, argumentative, loud or inordinately jovial while talking
- Lack of awareness in regards to time and place
- Vomiting
- Found in possession of a product containing alcohol

Process of Testing

If an administrator has reason to believe that a student has consumed alcohol, based on one or more of the above indicators of other reasonable indicators, the administrator shall request the student submit to a Breathalyzer test. A trained and certified staff person shall privately administer the test in the presence of a witness. If the test is positive, unless the student verbally admits alcohol consumption, the administrator shall conduct a confirmation test in fifteen minutes. If the student admits consuming or the second test results are positive: (1) the student

shall have the opportunity to explain such positive result; (2) the District shall immediately notify the parent or guardian and request that the student be picked up and returned home under parental supervision; (3) emergency help shall be called if the student is at risk for alcohol poisoning or in need of medical assistance. If at the end of the extracurricular, interscholastic or other school-related function the student remains in such a state where it is reasonable to believe that he may constitute a danger to himself/herself or others, and the parent or guardian has not picked up the student, despite the District's request, the principal or administrator in charge may notify the local police authorities and place the student in their protective custody, if necessary.

Disciplinary action will be taken as indicated in the Student Code of Conduct. The district administration shall retain positive Breathalyzer records only during the student's enrollment in Island Trees Schools.

If the Breathalyzer test is negative, the student may receive permission to resume unrestricted activity providing the event supervisor does not suspect the use of other drugs or unless other disciplinary rules apply to the student's untoward behavior. If the administration suspects the use of other drugs or the student appears unable to walk properly/conduct himself/herself in a "normal" manner, the student will be retained in a room for his/her safety. The supervisor will contact the student's parent/guardian, describe the situation and request the parent take the child home for disciplinary purposes or medical evaluation.

A student's attendance at extracurricular, interscholastic or other school-related functions is a privilege. All students will be requested to sign and have their parents or legal guardian sign a Breathalyzer Consent Form before they will be permitted to attend such functions. Students who do not sign a Breathalyzer Consent Form will not be permitted to take part in such extracurricular, interscholastic or other school-related functions. Refusal of consent for a Breathalyzer test in an extracurricular, interscholastic or other school related function will constitute a forfeiture of a student's privilege to attend such event(s).

Test results and consent forms shall become part of the student's disciplinary record and shall be maintained in accordance with the District's policies governing those records.

Adoption date: