

**FOSTER-GLOCESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GLOCESTER, RI  
STUDENT SEARCHES and BREATHALYZER POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**

The Foster-Glocester Regional School District is committed to maintaining a learning environment that advances the mission of the District and eliminating the use of alcohol by students who are involved in school-related activities. Therefore, any student for whom there is a reasonable suspicion of the use of alcohol before or during the school day, prior to or during school-sponsored activities, or on \*school property, may be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test.

**PHILOSOPHY:**

Alcohol use by students is illegal, negatively impacts the learning environment, and may pose a serious threat to the safety of our students, staff and other members of the school community.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Any student for whom there is a reasonable suspicion of the use of alcohol before or during the school day, prior to or during school sponsored activities, or on school property, may be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test. For the purposes of this policy school property shall include, but is not limited to, school grounds, buildings, buses, gymnasiums, facilities rented by the District, and other facilities or premises utilized for school sponsored activities and/or events. The following guidelines shall apply to this policy:

1. A student about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of consumption of alcohol may be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test. Indicators of reasonable suspicion may include, but are not limited to, odor of an alcoholic beverage, slurred speech, unsteady gait, lack of coordination, presence in the vicinity of an alcohol beverage container or container with an alcoholic beverage, bloodshot or glazed eyes, or such other information as is reasonable to raise suspicion. No breathalyzer test will be administered if a student acknowledges consumption of alcohol.
2. If a student is administered a breathalyzer test for the presence of alcohol and passes, but for whom this is still a reasonable suspicion of impairment, the police may be contacted for further investigation as the student may be under the influence of drugs.
3. Breathalyzer tests shall be administered in a secure location away from other students by the principal, assistant principal or other designee who has been trained in breathalyzer test administration.
4. If a parent is not available to transport a student, local police will be called. Emergency medical personnel will be sought if the student is assessed to be in need of medical assistance. Students determined to have consumed alcohol will be subject to disciplinary consequences outlined in the Student Handbook.
5. Parents will be called following the administration of a breathalyzer test. If a student tests positive, parents must transport the student from the school or; if a parent is not available to transport a student, local police will be called. Emergency medical personnel will be sought if the student is assessed to be in need of medical assistance. Students determined to have consumed alcohol will be subject to disciplinary consequences as detailed in the student and Athletic Handbook, which shall include police notification.

6. Refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test will be considered an act of insubordination and/or admission and will be considered along with other evidence to determine whether or not a student has consumed alcohol.
7. When police, trained and qualified in breathalyzer test administration are present, these matters may be referred to law enforcement personnel for disposition including the administration of the breathalyzer.
8. Non-students attending school sponsored events may be subject to breathalyzer testing and failure to pass such test or refusal to submit shall be grounds to exclude such individual from participation in the event.
9. A written report shall be filed with the Superintendent of Schools within twenty-four (24) hours of the administration of this policy.

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