

BREATHALYZER TESTING

In order to safeguard the individual and general welfare of all students the Sutton Public Schools may administer a breathalyzer test as a condition of admission to school or school-related activity to any students or his/her guests. It may also administer such a test at any time during the school day or activity.

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Students exhibiting signs of having consumed alcohol, including, but not limited to glassy eyes, slurred speech, unsteadiness on their feet or emission of an alcoholic odor may be requested to take a breathalyzer test administered by a trained Police Officer. If a student tests positive for alcohol he/she will receive one additional opportunity to take the test.

Protocol for Use of Breathalyzer

1. The Breathalyzer can be used during the school day and at all school sponsored activities including but not limited to: dances, proms, athletic events or other extracurricular activities.
2. The Breathalyzer is administered to any student who is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol using the indicators listed above.
3. The Breathalyzer will be administered by a police officer in the presence of a school administrator or guidance counselor.
4. The Breathalyzer will be administered in a private area, away from other students or the general public.
5. If a student does not pass the Breathalyzer, his/her parents will be notified and must pick them up at the function. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached the student will be placed in protective custody by the police department until a parent/guardian can pick up the student.
6. Students who test positive for alcohol or refuse to take the Breathalyzer test upon determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that they have consumed alcohol will be subject to all school rules relating to the use and or possession of alcohol. If a student is determined to be in violation, the student will be suspended from school and school related activities for a period of ten (10) days. The Superintendent, parents and police will be notified.