

BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

Procedures During the Normal School Day or at School-Sponsored Events:

1. School staff and/or school resource officer may determine possible student alcohol use without the aid of a breath alcohol testing device by observing one or more of the following indicators:
 - Slurred speech
 - Unsteady gait
 - Impaired motor control
 - Flushed face
 - Smell of intoxicating liquor on breath, clothing, or person
 - Vomiting
2. If the staff and/or school resource officer determines that a student is intoxicated or has used alcohol based on one or more of the above indicators:
 - Parent/Guardian will be notified and requested to take the student home.
 - Emergency help will be called if student is assessed to be at risk for alcohol poisoning or in need of medical assistance.
 - The police may be called to take the student into protective custody.
 - Disciplinary action will be taken as indicated in the Code of Conduct Student Handbook and may result in suspension.
3. If a student is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or is suspected of having consumed alcohol, the school administrator or school safety officer may administer a Breathalyzer or Passive Alcohol Screener (PAS) test. The test will be administered in privacy in the presence of two (2) staff members.
4. The administrator and/or school resource officer will check the calibration of the breath alcohol testing devices according to their instructions for use.
 - If test is **positive** (.01BAC), the student may request a maximum of two additional tests taken **at least** 2 minutes apart. If these additional tests are positive, the following will occur:
 - a. Parent/Guardian will be notified and requested to take student home.
 - b. Emergency help will be called if student is assessed to be at risk for alcohol poisoning or in need of medical assistance.
 - c. Disciplinary action will be taken as indicated in the Code of Conduct Student Handbook.
 - If the test is **negative:**
 - a. The student will be allowed to resume activity if the staff member does not suspect the use of other drugs.
 - b. His/her parents/guardians will be notified that the Breathalyzer or PAS was administered.

5. If a student who is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or who is suspected of having consumed alcohol refuses to take a Breathalyzer or PAS test the school resource officer will be notified and:
 - The administrator or school resource officer will notify parents/guardians to pick up the student and will detain the student until the parent's/guardian's arrival.
 - The administrator may consider evidence to determine whether or not the student is intoxicated or has consumed alcohol. However, a refusal to take a Breathalyzer or PAS test may only be considered for disciplining a student in accordance with the Code of Conduct Student Handbook.

6. If any student suspected of intoxication leaves the scene against the school official's request:
 - The police department will be contacted immediately.
 - The parent/guardian will be notified.
 - Disciplinary action for insubordination will be taken as indicated in the Code of Conduct Student Handbook.

7. Student athletes:

Students representing Agawam High School athletic teams are held to a high standard of conduct. The conduct of these student athletes is governed not only by rules established by the MIAA, but also those established in the Agawam High School Code of Conduct Student Handbook. Therefore, if a student athlete tests positive on a Breathalyzer or PAS test during the screening at a dance, prom, and/or celebration, the student's name will be given to the Athletic Director who will consider this as evidence that the student has consumed. The Athletic Director may then remove the student from the team.