

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW ABOUT THE BREATHALYZER POLICY CURRENTLY IN EFFECT AT LHWHS. AT PROM, AS WITH ALL OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, WE EXPECT STUDENTS TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF BREATHALYZERS AT LHWHS

LHWHS is committed to the promotion of healthful living and to the safety and well-being of its students. In keeping with this commitment, the administration believes that the use of breathalyzers during school-sponsored events, on or off school grounds, and during the school day is an acceptable deterrent to the use of alcohol by underage drinkers.

The use of a breathalyzer will be governed by the following practices:

Only students about whom there is a reasonable suspicion of consumption of alcohol will be requested to submit to a breathalyzer test.

The breathalyzer will not be used to conduct random testing of students.

If a student admits to the consumption of alcohol, no breathalyzer test will be administered. Parents will be called and disciplinary action including suspension will be administered.

All breathalyzer tests will be conducted in secure locations, to the extent possible away from other students.

All breathalyzer tests shall be administered by a LHWHS certified staff member trained in using the instrument.

Results of any breathalyzer testing will be treated as confidential student information.

The determination of reasonable suspicion will be based on, but not limited to, any one or more of the following indicators:

- Flushed face
- Red, watery, glassy or bloodshot eyes
- Odor of alcohol on breath, clothing or person
- Strong odor of mouthwash, mouth spray, or excessive gum-chewing
- Slurred speech/unable to follow instructions
- Failure to comprehend questions
- Impaired motor skills (i.e. unsteady feet, swaying, etc.)

- Being combative, argumentative or inordinately jovial behavior
- Lack of awareness in regard to time and place
- Vomiting
- Found in possession of product containing alcohol
- Exiting a vehicle (limo, party bus, car) in which containers of alcohol are observed.

If an administrator has reason to believe that a student has consumed alcohol, based on one or more of the above indicators or other reasonable indicators, the administrator shall request the student to submit to a breathalyzer test, following the practices outlined above.

If the student tests positive, his/her parents or guardians will be called to pick up the student. Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to transport himself from the event. No refunds will be provided to these students or their guests. Additional disciplinary action will follow, including suspension from school.

Should the student refuse to take a breathalyzer test, it will be deemed that the suspicion of the administrator is confirmed and the procedures listed in the preceding paragraph will be followed including suspension from school.

Any student who tests negative with the breathalyzer will be allowed to continue to participate in the event/activity providing the supervisor does not suspect the use of other drugs, or unless other disciplinary rules apply to the student's behavior.

Note: Breathalyzers test for alcohol consumption and have no bearing on determining whether a student is under the influence of prescription or illegal drugs.

Note: Emergency help will be called if the student is assessed to be at risk for alcohol poisoning or in need of medical assistance.

Note: If a student believes the test is providing a false positive, the student may request a second test. The student will be monitored for 15 minutes, without placing anything in their mouth before the second test is given.