

5535 - Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device

The Board of Education recognizes a student's abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes a student's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community. The Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and the rehabilitation of substance abusers by educational means, but will take additional necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and from exposure to harmful substances.

In keeping with its commitment to protect all students and the school community from the harm of alcohol use, the Board of Education authorizes the use of a passive breath alcohol sensor device (PBASD) in certain circumstances. A PBASD enables school district staff to check an approximate alcohol level quickly and efficiently without requiring the student's active participation. A PBASD may be used in certain circumstances as defined in this Policy and as determined by the Principal or designee or the staff member(s) in charge of a school-related or school-sponsored event or activity. The purpose for using a PBASD is to protect students who may be under the influence of alcohol, other students, staff, and community members attending such events and to deter the use of alcohol by students.

The Board authorizes PBASD screening before, during, and after school activities/events including, but not limited to: dances, athletic events, proms, class trips, drama productions, graduation ceremonies, or school assemblies when the Principal or designee has reason to believe the use of alcohol by students may be present. When it is determined a PBASD will be used, a random number sequence will be selected by the Principal or designee prior to the event to determine which students in line for entrance will be screened. For example, if the number five is selected every fifth student in line for entrance into the activity/event shall be screened. In the alternative, the Principal or designee may determine to screen every student in line for entrance into the activity/event.

Written notice indicating the use of a PBASD will be displayed at the point of sale of a ticket for the activity/event or at the entrance of the activity/event if tickets are not required. Upon the purchase of a ticket to gain entry into an activity/event or upon the entry of a student into an



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activity/event that does not require the purchase of a ticket, a student shall be considered under the supervision of school district staff and shall be subject to the provisions of this Policy.

If the PBASD screening indicates the presence of alcohol on a student, additional PBASD screenings will be conducted. If additional PBASD screenings confirm the presence of alcohol on a student, the matter shall be reported to the Principal or designee and the certified or noncertified school nurse, or the school physician according to the reporting, notification, and examination requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3, and Policy and Regulation 5530 - Substance Abuse.

A PBASD will only be used in accordance with the guidelines of this Policy. The Principal or designee shall be responsible for the proper training of school staff members in the use of the PBASD in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1 et seq.

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