

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719  
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**506.3 BREATHALYZER****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the use of a breathalyzer when reasonable suspicion or probable cause exists to believe a student is under the influence of alcohol. Individuals who have consumed alcohol or are in possession of alcohol may pose a direct safety risk to themselves, staff, students, and the community-at-large.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "School property" shall include, but not be limited to, school building, buses, facilities, athletic fields, all parking areas rented and/or leased by the school district, or other facilities or premises utilized for school sponsored activities and/or events including school sponsored field trips.
- B. The term "breathalyzer" shall include the Intoximeters, Inc., Alco-Sensor III or other reliable and commercially available mechanism(s).

**III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. In order to ensure a safe environment for all students, staff and the community-at-large, the board authorizes trained school district personnel to administer breathalyzer tests to students at school-sponsored events. The staff member giving such tests shall be trained to effectively and accurately administer the breathalyzer test. The following shall apply:
  - 1. Reasonable suspicion or probable cause may be satisfied by conduct including, but not limited to, physical impairment, unusual behavior, blood shot eyes, odor of alcoholic beverages or on the basis of any other behavior or information that provides probable cause that the individual has consumed alcohol or is in possession of alcohol in violation of school policy.
  - 2. In the event the school district personnel administer a breathalyzer test, a report shall be prepared indicating the outcome of the test and submitted to school administration.
  - 3. For students, a positive reading is defined by any indication of alcohol consumption and, when taken into consideration with all other relevant information, shall be sufficient to substantiate a violation of district policies.
  - 4. Refusal to take a breathalyzer test after reasonable suspicion has been established may be deemed to be an admitted violation of school policies regarding alcoholic beverages. Parents will be contacted to pick up their student

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## **REGULATION / STUDENT HANDBOOK LANGUAGE**

Alcohol use by a student is illegal and poses a serious threat not only to the student's own safety and well-being, but also to the safety and well-being of the entire school community. Therefore, alcohol use by students will not be tolerated during school hours, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event or activity during or after school hours. When determining whether or not alcohol has been used or consumed by a student at a school-related function, or whether they are intoxicated, the safety of the student involved and the safety of other students, school staff and members of the general public, are the school district's primary concerns.

If a supervising administrator/staff member believes that a student has used alcohol based on the observation of behavior, lack of coordination, or smelling alcohol on the student's breath, he or she may take action to confirm the suspicion. An assessment of a student's possible or suspected alcohol use may be aided by utilizing breath alcohol testing devices, such as breathalyzers, which indicate the presence or absence of alcohol in a person's system. The intended purpose of having breath alcohol testing available is to prevent alcohol use by students. School personnel will administer the alcohol breathalyzer tests pursuant to manufacturer's instructions. Any student who is determined to be under the influence of alcohol may also be dealt with by the law enforcement officer according to the law. That includes the possible issuance of a criminal citation, transportation to the county jail for processing, and later court appearances as other possible consequences.

Every student attending school or school-related events or activities (whether within or outside the school district), is expected to follow the Student Handbook.

# Major Magnitude Field Trip



## Alcohol Screening Acknowledgement

Extracurricular activities are an important part of the overall educational program at Prior Lake High School. A well-rounded education is not only academically oriented, but also includes physical, social, and emotional development. We at Prior Lake High School believe that students will be productive, responsible citizens of the society in which they live.

I/We understand that participation in extracurricular trips is a privilege and that all school policies and rules will be enforced throughout the duration of this event. By signing this form, I/We acknowledging that I/we have read policy 506.3 and understand that I may be subjected to an alcohol screening via a breathalyzer testing instrument if reasonable suspicion exists. If the results indicate a use of alcohol I understand that I will be sent home at my/our own expense.

### **Please Print Clearly**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature