

# NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

**SERIES: 1000 Students**

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## **USE OF BREATH TESTING DEVICES**

The safety of students is a primary concern of the North Branford Board of Education. Students who consume alcohol and/or are under the influence of alcohol at school or at any school function pose a danger to themselves and others. Therefore, in order to protect student safety, the Board authorizes the school administration to utilize an alcohol detection device, commonly called a "breathalyzer", to determine whether a student is in fact under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol detection devices may be used under two circumstances:

- (1) When school administrators reasonably suspect that a student has consumed alcohol and/or is under the influence of alcohol on school grounds or at a school sponsored activity, school administrators may require students to submit to an alcohol detection device test.
- (2) When school administrators have determined that alcohol use is a widespread problem among students before or at a specific school-sponsored activity, school administrators may institute a system by which they will randomly or systematically, and without individual suspicion that a student has consumed alcohol, require students to submit to an alcohol detection device test in order to participate in the school sponsored activity.

All school personnel who operate alcohol detection devices shall be properly trained with respect to such use. The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations regarding the protocols and use of the alcohol detection devices by school administrators.

### **Legal Reference:**

Maryland Annotated Code Section 7-308.  
Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.08.01.11.  
Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.08.01.14.

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