

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Tolland, Connecticut**

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BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: Alcohol Screening

Number: 5111  
Students

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The Tolland Board of Education (the "Board") supports the use of both Passive Alcohol Sensor ("PAS") devices and breathalyzers during the school day or at school-sponsored events to deter the use of alcohol by students and to promote the health and safety of all students.

This policy provides the structure for the use of passive alcohol sensors and breathalyzers in this district to detect/confirm alcohol consumption by students. Such instruments shall be used by the district to 1) to confirm a reasonable suspicion that a particular student has used or is under the influence of alcohol at school during the school day, or at a voluntary, extracurricular school-sponsored event; and/or 2) systematically screen students attending extracurricular/voluntary school-sponsored events for possible alcohol use.

The Passive Alcohol Sensor ("PAS") device is a non-invasive high-speed breath alcohol-screening instrument which can be used as a "sniffer" for overt or covert alcohol detection. This device may be used to sample a student's breath in order to detect alcohol use, with results reported as either "positive" or "negative." A breathalyzer is a device that detects and measures alcohol in expired air so as to determine the concentration of alcohol in a student's blood.

Only designated school personnel and/or the school resource officer(s) will be trained in the use of the PAS device and/or breathalyzer test. All testing instruments shall be properly calibrated and will be checked for accuracy monthly and for full calibration semi-annually. Testing of students using the breathalyzers will be conducted in a separate area, to the extent practicable, to maintain student privacy.

Results from a PAS device or breathalyzer will be maintained in a confidential manner, and released in accordance with district policy and state and federal law.

Legal reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-19 Teaching about Alcohol, Nicotine or Tobacco, Drugs and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Training of Personnel.

10-154a Professional Communications Between Teacher or Nurse and Student. Surrender of Physical Evidence Obtained from Students.

10-221(D) Boards Of Education to Prescribe Rules, Policies and Procedures.

21a-240 Definitions. (Dependency-Producing Drugs)

21a-243 Regulation Re: Schedules of Controlled Substances.

*New Jersey V. T.L.O.*, 469 U.S. 325 (1985)

*Vernonia School District 47j V. Acton*, 515 U.S. 646 (1995)

*Todd V. Rush County Schools*, 133 F.3d 984 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998)

*Knox County Education Association V. Knox County Board of Education*, 158 F 3d 361, 385-386 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998)