

## Use of Passive Alcohol Sensor

A device known as a Passive Alcohol Sensor (PAS) may be used to check for breath alcohol and can be used with or without a subject's direct participation.

When used without direct participations, it is known as passive breath sampling, as opposed to active testing when the subject blows directly into a mouthpiece or the intake port. There may be times, when the PAS can be used passively, i.e., as it can detect alcohol in open containers or in enclosed spaces such as rooms, lockers, etc. Procedurally, we will not vary from our normal course of action when faced with the question of possible consumption. All due process precaution will continue to be in place. Given reasonable suspicion of use or possession, the following steps will occur:

1. Reasonable suspicion, such as a staff referral or information gathered during an investigation, will initiate administrative contact with said student.
2. The student will be directed to an office area where he or she will be kept in observation and questioned regarding the concern of alcohol consumption.
3. The student may, at that point, confirm or deny the report.
4. After a period of observation and questioning, we will inform the student of our new, less invasive means of detecting breath alcohol and allow the subject to speak/breathe across the intake port of the PAS III.
5. Next, the subject will be informed of the PAS III result. (The sensor either detects the presence of alcohol or it did not.)
6. If it is determined that the subject has consumed alcohol, we will inform the subject and his or her parents of our suspicions and proceed as provided in this policy.

7. The subject may continue to deny consumption and wish to pursue the issue further. At this point, he or she will be informed of an alternative to clear the allegation of consumption. This would involve the opportunity to take a breathalyzer through the local police department or blood test at the hospital. The subject will also be informed that he or she may face legal consequences as a result of failing the breathalyzer or blood test.