



# NHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

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April 10, 2024

## Agenda

### 1. High School Updates

- a. Scheduling Update for 2024-25 School Year
- b. Budget Update
- c. Portrait of a Graduate

### 2. School Policy Review and Discussion

- a. [Review 3.12.24 Meeting Summary](#)
- b. Further Comments + [Form Feedback](#)

### 3. Supporting Student Social Decision Making (See Discussion<sup>1</sup> from 11.14.23 Meeting)

TOPIC	Person/ Initials	SECT	AREA	Notes/Suggestions	Draft of Updated Policy or Question to Reflect On
SCHOOL USE OF BREATHALYZERS	MT	5.36	Breathalyzers	Make this it's own section, not just embedded within the chemical health policy.	<a href="#">Breathalyzer Policy</a>
CHEMICAL HEALTH VIOLATION - IMPACT ON ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES	MT	10.7 & 10.8	Chemical Health / Athletics	Update our handbook language to reflect the MIAA language. Opening statement, as well as First Offense and Second Offense penalties	<a href="#">MIAA Chemical Health Policy</a>
STUDENT CONDUCT AT EVENTS	MT	9.9	Conduct of Spectators/Fans	Add a little more about fan conduct.	<a href="#">10.9 Spectators/Fans</a>
ATTENDANCE	MT	4.3-4.12	Attendance	Typo: Edits to sub-heading numbers on the Table of Contents.	
				Recommendation to reduce number of unexcused absences allowed	
	MT	4.4	Attendance for Participation in after school activities	Clarify portion of the day present.	<a href="#">4.4 Attendance for Extracurriculars</a>
	JA	add after 4.15	Attendance - Nurse Visits	Dismissals/Attendance: Do we need clarity around nurse visits	
TABLE OF CONTENTS	MT	7.14	Policies	Update table of contents, errors on 7.14--7.18	
DUAL ENROLLMENT - GPA WEIGHT	MT		Dual Enrollment	Do we need to add language to the Clipper's Compass about Dual Enrollment. If so, can we just link to the Program of Studies	Currently all dual enrollment courses are assigned AP weight, however, there is a question as to whether or not all dual enrollment course have the level of rigor of a college board AP course. How should the school assign weight to dual enrollment courses?

- Discussion from 11.14.23 Meeting

Andy Wulf solicited feedback from the Council around use of Breathalyzers at school events. He explained a concern had been brought to his attention regarding the announcement to students prior to the playoff football game in regards to process and communication.

Summary of discussion:

- From the parent perspective, we are glad it is happening. Kids can make bad decisions and we would prefer a call from the school to pick my student up versus having them involved with the police. Its clear your announcement sent a message. You could feel the difference at the last home game. We think it is a good idea for students to be aware that if there is reason to believe they are under the influence that they can be breathalyzed while also understanding that school events are an extension of the school day. Since many students drive to and from events, having the preventative measure can keep students safe.
- From the student perspective, “I feel more safe because we breathalyze students before dances. This helps us know the people around us are safe. We also recognize, admin is not trying to get kids in trouble. It is preventative.
- A general discussion continued around student drinking in general outside of school. It was recommended that the school work with the NYS Speaker Series around the topic of substance use. The team also acknowledged the need to update the handbook to be more explicit about how and when breathalyzers are used and what would happen should a student test positive.
- Andy Wulf noted that during the Council’s spring meetings, a primary focus will be the handbook. His team will have a draft of the language based on tonight's discussion. He also noted that if a student were to have a positive screen. The procedure would be to call the parents to come and pick the student up.