

Parents, Parties, and the Law

State of Ohio Law

No person shall buy beer for or furnish it to a person under the age of 21.

Ohio State Supreme Court Ruling No. 89-834

This ruling stems from a party that was given by the underage children of Harry Cordell, Sr. and Linda Cordell. The parents knew the children “probably would have some beer”. For this reason, the parents apparently instructed their children to invite their friends to spend the night. The parents were out of town at the time of the party.

A group of teens left the party drunk, an accident occurred and one of the teens was injured. His parents sued the Cordells, alleging that the parents negligently sponsored a party at which minors were allowed to consume alcohol and should be held liable.

On July 11, 1990, the Ohio State Supreme Court ruled that parents who authorize a party at which underage persons become intoxicated are liable for injuries resulting from accidents in which the minors are involved. The ruling states that “the one who furnishes alcoholic beverages to an underage person may be held liable for injuries to a third person resulting from the wrongful conduct.”

“A parent may also be held responsible for failure to exercise reasonable control over the child when the parent knows, or should know, that injury to another is a probable consequence.”

“Finally, when parents know of the child’s wrong-doing and consent to it, direct it or sanction it, they may be held liable.”

None of us wants to end up in prison, financially bankrupt or attending one of our students’ funerals because of our own negligence!

Please don’t serve alcohol or drugs to minors!!

PARENTS: A SHARED CONCERN

For adolescents, there is no such thing as “responsible use” of an illegal substance. Here at Highland High School we believe there is an aspect of this problem, which we can control. Below is a list of parents who have agreed that if they or their child host a gathering at their home for adolescents, no alcohol or other illegal chemical substance will be available for their use nor ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY.

***WE HOPE TO PRINT YOUR NAME HEREE TO BE INCLUDED
IN OUR NEXT MAILING!***

PLEASE JOIN US in trying to make our kid’s high school experience a safer one!
Sign our “contract” and sent it in today.
THANK YOU!

Highland High School P.T.O.

“If I host a party or gathering at my home for adolescents, no alcohol or other illegal chemical substance will be available for their use, nor will I allow these chemicals to be brought on to my property. I also agree to make sure that parental supervision will be Present at all times.”

Parents’ Name Printed

Parents’ Signature

Please return this section to:
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