

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

FNF
(LOCAL)

SCHOOL
QUESTIONING

Administrators, teachers, and other professional personnel may question a student regarding the student's own conduct or the conduct of other students. In the context of school discipline, students have no claim to the right not to incriminate themselves. **[See FFFA(REGULATION) concerning the questioning of students on a Title V felony offense is suspected to have occurred.]**

POLICE OR OTHER
AUTHORITIES
QUESTIONING

For provisions pertaining to student questioning by law enforcement officials or other lawful authorities, see GRA(LOCAL).

LOCKERS AND
VEHICLES

Students have full responsibility for the security of their lockers and vehicles parked on school property and shall make certain they are locked and that the keys and combination are not given to others. Students shall not place, keep, or maintain any article or material in lockers or vehicles parked on school property that is forbidden by District policy.

Lockers and vehicles parked on school property may be searched by school officials if there is reasonable cause to believe they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their lockers or vehicles parked on school property.

If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student shall be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, the District shall contact the student's parents. If the parents also refuse to permit the vehicle to be searched, the District may contact local law enforcement officials and turn the matter over to them.

USE OF TRAINED
DOGS

The District shall use specially trained nonaggressive dogs to sniff out and alert to the current presence of concealed prohibited items, illicit substances defined in FNCF(LEGAL), and alcohol. This program is implemented in response to drug and alcohol use problems in District schools and to maintain a safe school environment conducive to education.

Visits to schools shall be unannounced. The dogs shall be used to sniff the air in vacant classrooms, in vacant common areas, around student lockers, and around vehicles parked on school property. The dogs shall not be used with students. If a dog alerts to a locker, a vehicle, or an item in a classroom, it may be searched by school officials. Searches of vehicles shall be conducted as described above.

SEARCH FOR WEAPONS

The District shall periodically conduct searches of students at school for weapons by the use of metal detectors. This need for such random searches is in response to a concern for the presence of weapons in school and to maintain a safe school environment for both faculty and students conducive to education. Any such searches will be unannounced and will be strictly carried out pursuant to the terms of FNF(REGULATION).

NOTICE

Students shall be informed of the District's policy on searches as outlined above at the beginning of the school year and shall be specifically notified that:

1. Lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time students are not present.
4. Students may be subject to random searches for weapons during the year to be conducted with the use of metal detectors.
5. If contraband of any kind is found, the student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

The student's parent or guardian shall be notified if any prohibited articles or materials are found in a student's locker or vehicle parked on school property, or on the student's person as a result of a search conducted in accordance with this policy.

PURPOSE OF PROPERTY SEARCHES WITH DOGS

In order to respond to the public trust and secure taxpayer investment in educational facilities against burglary and theft, the District may permit the use of specially trained dogs to locate and apprehend suspects on school property.

DOG HANDLER

The dog handler shall be a duly appointed law enforcement officer certified in dog handling, utilizing certified dogs trained to locate and apprehend criminal suspects.

SEARCH OF PROPERTY

If there is reasonable cause to suspect an intruder has gained unauthorized entry into school property, trained dogs may be used to locate and apprehend the suspect(s) provided:

1. The school property is on a school campus, the search may only commence after the building was secured for the evening and prior to its morning opening for activities, or on weekends or holidays when not being utilized by students or authorized groups.
2. The District security officer on duty has been contacted, is present, and has granted permission for the search to commence.
3. The law enforcement officer in charge has broadcast a warning in English and Spanish, sufficiently audible to cover the search area, stating that trained dogs will be used, and giving the suspect(s) reasonable time to present themselves for interrogation and/or apprehension.

EXCEPTIONS

The conditions 1, 2, and 3 immediately above are not required to exist in instances when, but only when, the dog handler reasonably believes that his or her life, or the life of any other person, is in immediate danger (e.g., being fired at by a suspect).

NOTICE

Students and the community shall be notified at the beginning of each school year that trained dogs may be used to search school property and apprehend suspects on school property in the event of unauthorized entry or burglary.

Students and the community shall be notified at the beginning of each school year that random searches for weapons by the use of metal detectors will be conducted during the course of the year.

DRUG TESTING POLICY SCOPE

The District requires drug testing of any student who chooses to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities at the high school level. A student participating in these activities shall be tested for the presence of illegal drugs at the beginning of each school year. In addition, students shall be randomly tested throughout the school year.

PURPOSE

The purposes of the drug-testing program are to:
(1) Prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the

- use of illegal and performance enhancing drugs or alcohol;
- (2) Help enforce a drug-free educational environment;
- (3) Deter student use of illegal and performance enhancing drugs or alcohol; and
- (4) Educate students regarding the harm caused by the use of illegal and performance enhancing drugs or alcohol.

DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY The District shall provide each parent and student a copy of the drug-testing policy and consent form prior to the student's participation in an affected activity.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS The District shall conduct meetings with parents and interested student participants.

District employees shall explain the drug-testing program and review the policy and consent form.

CONSENT Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular athletic activities, the student shall be required annually to sign a consent form agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drug-testing program. If the student is under the age of 18, the student's parent or guardian shall also sign a consent form. If appropriate consent is not given, the student shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

USE OF RESULTS Drug test results shall be used only to determine eligibility for participation in extracurricular athletic activities. Positive drug test results shall not be used to impose disciplinary sanctions or academic penalties.

Nevertheless, nothing in this policy shall limit or effect the application of state law, local policy, or the Student Code of Conduct. A student who commits a disciplinary offense shall be subject to consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

CONFIDENTIALITY Drug-testing results shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only to the student, the student's parents, and designated District officials who need the information in order to administer the drug-testing program. Drug test results shall not be maintained with a student's academic record. Results shall not be otherwise disclosed except as required by law.

TESTING LABORATORY The Board shall contract with a certified drug-testing laboratory to conduct testing of students' urine samples.

SUBSTANCES FOR ~~The District shall make available to students and parents a~~

WHICH TESTS ARE CONDUCTED ~~list of the exact substances for which tests will be conducted.~~
TESTING reserves the right to test for any or all illegal substances.
PROCEDURES AND CONSEQUENCES The Administration shall develop and publish a regulation that states the procedures under which this drug-testing policy will be carried out and conducted as well as the consequences for violation of same. The procedures shall be in full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

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