

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
INVESTIGATIONS, INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

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(LOCAL)

Questioning  
Students

District  
officials  
Interrogation  
s  
By School Officials  
By Police or Other  
Authorities

~~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 may not refuse to answer questions based on ~~a have no claim to the~~ right not to incriminate themselves.

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

District Property

Desks, lockers, District-provided technology, and similar items are the property of the District and are provided for student use as a matter of convenience. District property is subject to search or inspection at any time without notice. Students have no expectation of privacy in District property. Students shall be fully responsible for the security and contents of District property assigned to them. No student shall place or keep in a desk, locker, District-provided technology, or similar item any article or material prohibited by law, District policy, or the Student Code of Conduct. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited item found in District property provided to the student.

Searches in General

District officials may conduct searches of students, their belongings, and their vehicles in accordance with state and federal law and District policy. Searches of students shall be conducted in a reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner.

District officials may initiate a search in accordance with law, including, for example, based on reasonable suspicion, voluntary consent, or pursuant to District policy providing for suspicionless security procedures, including the use of metal detectors.

In accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, students are responsible for prohibited items found in their possession, including items in their personal belongings or in vehicles parked on District property.

Reasonable-  
Suspicion Searches

Searches should be reasonable at their inception and in scope. If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that searching a student's person, belongings, or vehicle will reveal evidence of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, a District official may conduct a search in accordance with law and District regulations.

Suspicionless  
Searches

For purposes of this policy, a suspicionless search is a search carried out based on lawful security procedures, such as metal detector searches.

Metal Detector  
Searches

In order to maintain a safe and disciplined learning environment, the District reserves the right to subject students to metal detector

**Lockers and  
Vehicles**

searches when entering a District campus and at off-campus, school-sponsored activities.

~~Students have full responsibility for the security of their lockers and for vehicles parked on school property. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that lockers and vehicles are locked and that the keys and combinations are not given to others. Students shall not place, keep, or maintain any article or material that is forbidden by District policy or the Student Code of Conduct in lockers or in vehicles parked on school property.~~

~~Lockers are the property of the District and shall remain under the jurisdiction and control of the District even when assigned to an individual student. District officials may at any time conduct searches or use other detection devices with respect to all lockers, whether or not students are present, or whether or not there is reasonable cause to believe the lockers may contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy.~~

~~School officials may search lockers or vehicles parked on school property if there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy or the Student Code of Conduct. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their lockers or in vehicles parked on school property. Any such items shall be confiscated, and the students may be subject to disciplinary measures.~~

~~If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student who owns or has control of the vehicle shall be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, the District shall contact the student's parents or guardians. If the parents or guardians also refuse to permit a search of the vehicle, the District may turn the matter over to local law enforcement officials.~~

**Use of Trained Dogs**

The District reserves the right to shall use specially-trained nonaggressive dogs to conduct screening for sniff out and alert officials 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 related problems in District schools, with the objective of maintaining a safe school environment conducive to education.

Such procedures visits to schools shall be unannounced. The dogs shall be used to sniff vacant classrooms, vacant common areas, the areas around student lockers, and the areas around vehicles parked on school property. The dogs shall not be used with students; however, students may be asked to leave personal belongings in an area that will be screened. If a dog alerts to an item a locker, a vehicle, or an area item in a classroom, it may be

**Notice**

searched by ~~District officials.~~ ~~school officials.~~ Searches of vehicles shall be conducted as described above.

At the beginning of the school year, the District shall inform students of the District's policy on searches, as outlined above, and shall specifically notify students 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 when students are not present.~~
4. ~~If contraband of any kind is found, the possessing 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, in a student's vehicle parked on school property, or on the student's person, as a result of a search conducted in accordance with this policy.