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**School Questioning
Students**

~~Administrators, teachers, and other professional personnel~~ District officials 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~~ may not refuse to answer questions based on a right not to incriminate themselves.

~~[See FFFA(REGULATION) concerning the questioning of students if 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~~ state or local governmental 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 combinations 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.~~

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

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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 or random drug testing.

Metal Detector
Searches

In order to maintain a safe and disciplined learning environment, the District reserves the right to subject students to metal detector searches when entering a District campus and at off-campus, school-sponsored activities.

Use of Trained Dogs

The District ~~shall reserves the right to~~ use ~~specially-trained nonaggressive dogs to sniff out and alert officials to the current presence of~~ conduct screening for 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. Such procedures~~ 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; however, students may be asked to leave personal belongings in an area that will be screened. If a dog alerts to ~~a locker, a vehicle, an item or an item in a classroom area,~~ it may be searched by District officials ~~school officials. Searches of vehicles shall be conducted as described above.~~

Search for Weapons

~~The District shall periodically use metal detectors to conduct searches of students for weapons at school. This need for such random searches is in response to a concern for the presence of~~

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~~weapons in school and to maintain a safe school environment for both faculty and students conducive to education. Any such searches shall be unannounced and shall 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 within 24 hours 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.~~

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- ~~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 articulated 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 for
Extracurricular
Activities**

~~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 with the Web address of the District's drug testing policy and consent form, or if requested by the parent or student, provide a written copy of said drug testing policy and consent form prior to the student's participation in an affected activity.~~

Orientation Meetings

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	The District shall conduct meetings with parents and interested student participants prior to the competition season.
	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 to annually 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 affect 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 test 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 Which Tests Are Conducted	The District reserves the right to test for any or all illegal substances.
Testing Procedures and Consequences	The administration shall develop and publish a regulation that states the procedures under which this drug-testing policy shall be carried out and conducted, as well as the consequences for violations. The procedures shall be in full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.
Drug Testing of Students Suspected to Be Under the Influence	The District shall require a student to submit to an alcohol or drug screen/test when a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe the student is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or an alcoholic beverage. Testing shall be pursuant to administrative regulations.