## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

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### PROPOSED REVISIONS (see page 3)

**INTERROGATIONS** 

BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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.

BY POLICE OR OTHER AUTHORITIES 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 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 in lockers or in vehicles parked on school property.

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. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their lockers or in 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 a search of the vehicle, the District may turn the matter over to local law enforcement officials.

USE OF TRAINED DOGS

The District shall use specially trained nonaggressive dogs to 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 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. 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.

NOTICE

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:

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- 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.
- 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.

#### MANDATORY DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS

The District requires drug testing of any student in grades 7–12 who chooses to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity.

A student participating in these activities shall be tested for the presence of illegal drugs and alcohol on a random basis throughout the school year.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the drug-testing program are to: prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol; help enforce a drug-free educational environment; deter student use of illegal drugs or alcohol; and 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.

#### **CONSENT**

Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, the student shall be required annually to sign a consent form agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drugtesting 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 activities.

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.

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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.

Testing laboratories shall not release statistics regarding the rate of positive drug tests to any person or organization without consent of the District.

SUBSTANCES FOR WHICH TESTS ARE CONDUCTED The District shall make available to students and parents a list of the exact substances for which tests will be conducted.

The drug-testing laboratory shall test for the presence of: alcohol, marijuana, benzodiazepines, phencyclidine (PCP), amphetamines, and opiates.

COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Personnel from the drug-testing laboratory shall collect urine samples under conditions that are no more intrusive than the conditions experienced in a public restroom. When selected for testing, a student shall be escorted to the school's testing site by a District employee and shall remain under employee supervision until the student provides a sample. A student shall produce a sample within a closed restroom stall. A District employee of the same gender as the student shall be present when any samples are collected.

**RANDOM TESTING** 

Random tests shall be conducted on as many as 20 dates throughout the school year.

No less than ten percent and no more than 20 percent of the students participating in the program shall be randomly selected for each random test date. The drug-testing laboratory shall use a random selection method to identify students chosen for random testing. Students shall not receive prior notice of the testing date or time.

REFUSAL TO TEST OR TAMPERING

A student who refuses to be tested or is unable to provide a sample within three hours of being selected or who is determined to have tampered with a sample shall be deemed to have a positive test result and shall be subject to the appropriate consequences depending on previous positive test results, if any.

CONFIRMATION OF POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

An initial positive test shall be confirmed by a second test of the same specimen before being reported as positive.

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Upon receiving results of a positive drug test, the District shall notify the student's parents in writing if the student is under the age of 18 and shall schedule a meeting with the student and the coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity to review the test results and discuss consequences.

The student or parent shall have five school days following the meeting to provide a medical explanation for a positive result.

CONSEQUENCES Consequences of positive test results shall be cumulative through

the student's enrollment in middle school and shall begin anew for

high school.

Upon the first offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a **FIRST OFFENSE** 

student shall be subject to the following consequences:

The student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 15 school days following the date of the conference with the stu-

dent.

SECOND The student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for **OFFENSE** 

20 school days following the date of the conference with the stu-

dent.

THIRD OFFENSE The student shall be suspended from participation in any extracur-

ricular activity for 365 calendar days following the date of the con-

ference with the student.

END-OF-If a student's suspension from participation is not completed by the end of the semester, the student shall complete the assigned peri-SEMESTER **SUSPENSIONS** od of suspension during the following semester or during the first

semester of the following school year.

**APPEALS** A student or parent may appeal a decision made under this policy

> in accordance with FNG(LOCAL). The student shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities while the appeal is

pending.