

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

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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).

SEARCHES

DESKS AND  
LOCKERS

Desks, lockers, and similar items are the property of the District and are provided for student use as a matter of convenience, and students have a diminished expectation of privacy while under the jurisdiction of the District. Lockers and desks are subject to blanket searches or inspections by District administrators. Searches or inspections of lockers and desks, which are owned by the District and jointly controlled by the District and the student assigned to the locker and desk, may be conducted at any time and without notice. Students shall be fully responsible for the security and contents of desks or lockers assigned to them. Students shall make certain that lockers are locked and that the keys or combinations are not given to others. Students shall not place or keep in a desk or locker any item, object, substance, article, or material prohibited by law, District policy, or the Student Code of Conduct. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their desk or lockers and shall be subject to appropriate school disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, as well as possible prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authority for any contraband or prohibited items found in their desks or lockers.

VEHICLES

Students shall be fully responsible for the security and contents of vehicles driven or parked on school property. Students shall make certain that parked vehicles are locked and that the keys are not given to others. Students shall not place or keep in a vehicle on school property any item, object, substance, article, or material prohibited by law, District policy, or the Student Code of Conduct.

If there is reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle on school property contains contraband or any prohibited item, it may be searched by school officials or by personnel whose services have been engaged by the District to conduct such searches. Students shall be held responsible for any prohibited items or contraband found in their vehicles on school property and may be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, in addition to being subject to possible prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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 parent. If the parent also refuses to permit the search, the District may contact local law enforcement officials and

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	<p>turn the matter over to them, or the District may conduct the search, if it can do so without damaging the vehicle. In addition, that vehicle shall no longer be permitted on school property.</p>
USE OF TRAINED DOGS	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
NOTICE	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.</li><li>2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.</li><li>3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time when students are not present.</li><li>4. If contraband or prohibited items of any kind are found, the possessing student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, as well as possible prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement officials.</li></ol>
PARENT NOTIFICATION	<p>The student's parent or guardian shall be notified if any contraband, or 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.</p>
MANDATORY DRUG-TESTING PROGRAM	<p>The District requires mandatory random drug testing of any student in grades 7-12 who chooses to participate in school-sponsored, extracurricular activities or who receives a permit to park a vehicle on District property</p>
COVERED ACTIVITIES	<p>Drug testing is required for student participation in anything designated as an extracurricular activity by the District, including, but not</p>

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	<p>limited to, athletics, band, bass fishing, BPA, cheerleading, choir, FFA, FCCLA, UIL academics, UIL theater, and all UIL activities.</p>
SCOPE	<p>A student participating in extracurricular activities or parking a vehicle on campus shall be tested for the presence of illegal drugs at the beginning of each school year, or in the month of which the student begins participating in the activity or purchases a parking permit.</p> <p>In addition, students shall be randomly tested throughout the school year.</p>
PURPOSE	<p>The purposes of the drug-testing program are to prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs; help enforce a drug-free educational environment; deter student use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs; and educate students regarding the harm caused by the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.</p>
DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY	<p>The District shall provide each parent and student a copy of the drug-testing policy and consent form when the student begins participation in an extracurricular activity or requests a permit to park on District property. The policy and consent form will be available on the District's website.</p>
CONSENT	<p>Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, or purchase a parking permit, the student and their parent/guardian shall be required annually to sign a consent form agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drug-testing program. If appropriate consent is not given, the student shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or receive a permit to park a vehicle on District property.</p>
USE OF RESULTS	<p>Drug test results shall be used only to determine eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities and to receive a parking permit. Positive drug test results shall not be used to impose disciplinary sanctions or academic penalties.</p> <p>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 consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.</p>
CONFIDENTIALITY	<p>Drug-testing results shall be confidential and shall be disclosed only to the student, the student's parent, 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.</p>

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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	Testing laboratories shall not release statistics regarding the rate of positive drug tests to any person or organization without consent of the District.  The District shall make available to students and parents a list of the exact substances for which tests will be conducted.
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, the student shall be escorted to the collection area by a District employee and remain under employee supervision until the student enters the collection area. Testing personnel shall supervise the collection area while the student produces a sample within a closed restroom stall. Samples shall be collected in accordance with accepted industry standards and as outlined in this policy. Once a sample is collected and the student is satisfied that the sample has been placed in a secure, sealed container, the student shall leave the collection area.
RANDOM TESTING	Random tests shall be conducted on as many as 12 dates throughout the school year.  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 when 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.
CONFIRMATION OF POSITIVE TEST RESULTS	If a student is absent on the day of the random test, a sample shall be collected on the next random testing date.  An initial positive test shall be confirmed by a second test of the same specimen before being reported as positive via a split sample.  Upon receiving results of a positive drug test, the District shall schedule a meeting with the student and the student's parent or legal guardian no later than the end of the second school day after receiving the positive results. During this meeting, the findings of the test and the expected consequences shall be discussed. The suspension period shall begin after the parent meeting, or at the end of the second school day after receiving the positive results, whichever is later.

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RETESTING	If the student wishes to return to participation in extracurricular activities, the student must agree to be tested on each random test date for the duration of the 12-month suspension.
CONSEQUENCES	The appropriate suspension period for a positive drug test shall begin after the parent meeting required in this policy, or at the end of the second school day after receiving the positive results, whichever is later. Consequences of positive test results shall be cumulative through the student's enrollment in the District.
FIRST OFFENSE	<p>Upon a first offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity and parking on campus for 14 school days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. In addition, the student shall meet with his or her school counselor twice during the 14-day suspension.</p> <p>During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices.</p>
SECOND OFFENSE	<p>Upon a second offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity and parking on campus for 90 school days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. In addition, the student shall meet with his or her school counselor once a week during the 90-day suspension, and shall complete a four-hour course on drug awareness and provide documentation of completion.</p> <p>During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices.</p>
THIRD OFFENSE	<p>Upon a third offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity and driving on campus for one calendar year following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. In addition, the student shall provide documentation that he or she has completed 12 hours of counseling on drug abuse and drug awareness.</p> <p>During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices.</p>
FOURTH OFFENSE	Upon a fourth offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of his or her enrollment in the District.
END-OF-SEMESTER SUSPENSION	If a student's suspension from participation is not completed by the end of the semester, the student shall complete the assigned period of suspension during the following semester or during the first semester of the following school year.

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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.