

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
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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).

**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:

1. Lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.

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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.

**Use of Metal Detectors**

Students shall be notified at the beginning of each school year that:

1. Students shall be subject to search by a metal detector on a random basis. If the metal detector alerts to the presence of metal after the student has been asked to remove all metal objects from his or her person and possessions, or if a student refuses to remove all metal objects from his or her person or possessions without giving a satisfactory explanation, the student's parent or guardian or person having lawful control shall be notified. If the parents do not give permission for the search, then the local law enforcement agencies may be called for assistance.
2. Students shall also be subject to search by a metal detector if there exists an individualized reasonable suspicion that the student possesses a prohibited weapon. If the metal detector alerts to the presence of metal after the student has been asked to remove all metal objects from his or her person and possessions, or if the student refuses to remove all metal objects from his or her person and possessions without giving a satisfactory explanation, the student's outer garments and personal possessions shall be subject to search.
3. If any weapons are found, the student may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including removal, suspension, or expulsion, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.
4. All prohibited weapons found shall be turned over to the applicable law enforcement agency for testing and determination of whether to initiate criminal prosecution.

**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.