

PROPOSED REVISIONS

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.

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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.
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.

Mandatory Drug-Testing Program

The District requires drug testing of any student in grades 9–12 who chooses to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities or requests a permit to park a vehicle on school property.

Covered Activities

School-sponsored extracurricular activities for which testing is required include all extracurricular activities.

Scope

A student participating in these activities or requesting a parking permit shall be randomly tested throughout the school year for the presence of illegal drugs and alcohol.

Purpose

The purposes of the drug-testing program are to ensure the health and safety of all students in extracurricular activities and students seeking parking permit privileges; deter student use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol; offer students a credible means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs and alcohol; and provide a source of information to parents of any student who may be using illegal and performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol.

Distribution of Policy

The District shall make available to each parent and student a copy of the drug-testing policy and consent form prior to the student's participation in an affected activity or receipt of a parking permit.

Orientation

The District shall provide orientation for interested parents and all student participants.

The orientation shall explain the District's drug-testing program, review the policy and consent form, and provide an educational presentation on the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse.

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	<p><u>Student participation in the orientation is mandatory; however, parent participation is not required.</u></p>
<p><u>Consent</u></p>	<p><u>Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or to receive a parking permit, the student shall be required annually to 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 or to receive a parking permit.</u></p>
<p><u>Use of Results</u></p>	<p><u>Drug test results shall be used only to determine eligibility for a parking permit and participation in extracurricular activities. Positive drug test results shall not be used to impose disciplinary sanctions or academic penalties.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>Confidentiality</u></p>	<p><u>Drug-testing 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.</u></p>
<p><u>Testing Laboratory</u></p>	<p><u>The Board shall contract with a certified drug-testing laboratory to conduct testing of students' urine samples.</u></p> <p><u>Testing laboratories shall not release statistics regarding the rate of positive drug tests to any person or organization without consent of the District.</u></p>
<p><u>Substances for Which Tests Are Conducted</u></p>	<p><u>The District shall make available to students and parents a list of the exact substances for which tests will be conducted.</u></p>
<p><u>Collection Procedures</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>

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<u>Random Testing</u>	<u>Random tests shall be conducted on as many as nine dates throughout the school year.</u> <u>No less than 40 students and no more than 90 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.</u>
<u>Refusal to Test or Tampering</u>	<u>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 depending on previous positive test results, if any.</u> <u>If a student is absent on the day of the random test, a sample shall be collected on the next random testing date.</u>
<u>Confirmation of Positive Results</u>	<u>An initial positive test shall be confirmed by a second test of the same specimen before being reported as positive.</u> <u>Upon receiving results of a positive drug test, the District shall communicate with the student, the student's parent, and the coach or sponsor of the extracurricular activity, as applicable, to review the test results and discuss consequences.</u> <u>Upon request, a medical review shall be conducted by the medical review officer (MRO), certified by the American Association of Medical Review Officers (AAMRO). If there is a medical reason for the positive test result, the parent shall be asked to provide the prescription to the MRO within three District business days. The MRO shall verify the student's prescription with the doctor and pharmacy. If confirmed, the MRO shall report a negative test result.</u>
<u>Retesting</u>	<u>Following confirmation of a positive test, the student shall be retested on the next three random test dates so long as the student wishes to participate in extracurricular activities or park a vehicle on school property.</u>
<u>Drug Abuse Prevention</u>	<u>The District shall notify the parent and student of drug and alcohol abuse prevention resources available in the area.</u>
<u>Consequences</u>	<u>Consequences of positive test results shall be cumulative through the end of the current school year.</u>
<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Upon a first offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity, and the student's parking permit shall be suspended, for 15 calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.</u>

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During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices in accordance with administrative regulations but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Second Offense

Upon a second offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity, and the student's parking permit shall be suspended, for 30 calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.

During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices in accordance with administrative regulations but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Third Offense

Upon a third offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for one calendar year following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.

During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices.

District administrators shall determine whether the student will need to have his or her schedule changed and how parking privileges will be addressed as a result of the suspension based on the student's educational needs and in accordance with administrative regulations.

Appeals

A student or parent may appeal a decision made under this policy in accordance with FNF(LOCAL). The student shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities or reinstatement of parking privileges while the appeal is pending.

Voluntary drug-testing

The parent of a student in grades 9–12 who is not subject to random drug-testing under the District's program can submit a signed request form for his or her student to be included in the voluntary testing pool.

Upon receiving results of a positive drug test for a student in the voluntary pool, the District shall communicate the results to the student's parent.