

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 **combination 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-~~that is forbidden by District policy.~~

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 ~~cannot be reached or if they 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 ~~possible~~**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 ~~survey the air in~~**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 **surveyed**sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
2. Vehicles parked on school property may be **surveyed**sniffed by trained dogs at any time.
3. Classrooms and other common areas may be **surveyed**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.

USE OF HAND-HELD
METAL DETECTORS

The Board authorizes the use of hand-held metal detectors by school administrators **at the off-campus DAEP** when there is reasonable cause to believe that weapons or dangerous metal objects are in the possession of a student. Students shall be informed of the use of hand-held metal detectors for searches through the Student Code of Conduct and by signs posted throughout school campuses. Searches shall be systematic, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, or ethnicity and shall be done in compliance with the following procedures:

1. The hand-held metal detector search shall be conducted by the principal or assistant principal in the presence of another adult witness, preferably in a private location.
2. If the detector used on a student registers the presence of a metal object, the student shall be asked to remove all metal objects from his or her possession and shall be checked again.
3. If after removal of all metal objects, the detector continues to register the presence of metal, the student shall be taken to an area out of view from other students for a "pat-down" search.
4. The "pat-down" search shall be conducted by school personnel of the same gender as the student and shall be limited to the students clothing, bags, parcels, and any other containers capable of containing a weapon.
5. If the school personnel conducting a "pat-down" search feels an object which may have activated the metal detecting device, the student will be asked to remove such object. If the

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student declines to remove the object, it may then be removed by school personnel.

6. If the object removed from the student could have activated the metal detector, the school personnel will cease performing the "pat-down" search. In such an event, the student will again be scanned with a hand-held metal detector and the "pat-down" search will continue only if the device again yields a positive reading.
7. All property removed from the student as a result of the above procedure that may legitimately be brought onto school premises, must be returned to the student.
8. Property removed from the student, possession of which is a violation of the policy on discipline and student rights, shall be confiscated and the student shall be disciplined in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Students who fail to cooperate with school personnel performing their duties under these procedures may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.