

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).

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. 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 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.
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.

DRUG-TESTING
POLICY
SCOPE

Students in grades 7–12 who participate in extracurricular activities or who obtain a parking permit shall be required to submit to drug/alcohol testing consistent with this policy. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to:

1. All UIL activities
2. District clubs/organizations/activities
3. Student council
4. All elected/appointed student officers

Any student who would otherwise not be required to submit to drug/alcohol testing may voluntarily agree to participate in this program with the written consent of his or her parents/guardians and with the proper drug/alcohol testing fees paid.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives for this program are:

1. To allow each student in programs subject to testing to make a commitment against drug/alcohol use.
2. To provide a deterrent to drug/alcohol use for students in grades 7–12.
3. To ensure the health and safety of students representing the District in any interscholastic activity.
4. To provide an assessment and recommendation for drug/alcohol education and counseling programs for students who test positive for drug/alcohol use and for those students who are at risk for drug/alcohol use.

CONSENT

Prior to engaging in any extracurricular activity that is governed by this policy, a parent/guardian of a student must sign a written consent authorizing drug/alcohol testing of the student. Students who

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have reached the age of majority, or if there are students whose disabilities of minority have been removed, shall sign the written consent authorizing drug/alcohol testing.

RANDOM TESTING

All students covered by this policy shall be required to submit to drug/alcohol testing. Random testing may be conducted at any time. Random testing may be conducted as determined by the Superintendent or the principal. After the first mandatory test, students engaged in a particular extracurricular activity may be randomly tested at any given time. The names of all eligible students shall be placed in a computer generated "pool." Random selections from that pool shall be conducted by the testing service. When a principal has reason to believe that an eligible student is currently using illegal drugs/alcohol, a reasonable suspicion exists for drug/alcohol testing. The principal may require the student to submit to a drug/alcohol test.

TESTING
LABORATORY

The District shall contract with a nationally certified drug-testing laboratory. The laboratory shall follow strict procedures for the chain of custody and access to test results. The laboratory shall provide qualified collectors to oversee collection of specimens. The laboratory shall provide medical review officer (MRO) services for the interpretation and verification of positive results. The MRO shall report all test results to designated school officials. Results shall not be provided either orally or in writing to any person who has not been designated by the District to receive results.

SUBSTANCES FOR
WHICH TESTS ARE
CONDUCTED

The District reserves the right to test for substances, including but not limited to: alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, cocaine, methadone, methaqualone, opiates, phencyclidine, steroids, and other illegal or addictive drugs and any adulterant.

COLLECTION
PROCEDURES

Drug/alcohol testing shall be performed by urinalysis in accordance with accepted practices and procedures as established by the certified drug/alcohol testing laboratory with whom the District contracts. Student privacy shall be protected to the greatest extent possible during the collection and coding of urine specimens. Students shall provide urine specimens in a closed stall and/or empty restroom accompanied by an adult monitor of the same gender. After the specimen is produced, it will be handed to the monitor.

USE OF RESULTS

Results of any drug/alcohol test shall not be given to law enforcement authorities nor be used for any District discipline, except as related to applicable activities noted in this policy. Access to written drug/alcohol results shall be limited to the following:

1. Parent/guardian

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2. Student
3. Superintendent

Access to verbal notification that a student has tested positive for drug/alcohol use shall be provided to the following:

1. Principal and/or designee in accordance with policy FL
2. Counselor
3. Coach/sponsor of the specific activity in which the student participates at the time of the positive test

CONFIDENTIALITY All information related to the identification of a student as a user of illegal drugs/alcohol shall be protected by the District and its employees, officers, and agents as confidential, unless otherwise required by law, or required for general public health or safety concerns, or as authorized by the parent/guardian or student. Unauthorized release of information by a District employee may result in disciplinary action that may include termination of employment. Drug/alcohol test results shall be destroyed after the individual student's high school graduation, or in accordance with the District's record retention schedule.

POSITIVE TEST RESULT If the drug/alcohol test indicates positive results, the laboratory shall immediately forward the results to its MRO. The MRO shall contact the designated school official to report the positive result. The school official shall contact the parent/guardian to determine if prescription medication or other legal substances may have caused the positive result.

FIRST OFFENSE Upon the first confirmed positive test result, the parent/guardian and student shall meet with the principal, counselor, and/or the principal's designee to discuss the test results and the consequences. The student shall submit to mandatory drug/alcohol tests for the next six drug/alcohol tests. The student shall also be sent to the Collin County Substance Abuse Program for an assessment. The student must fulfill the recommendation of the Collin County Substance Abuse Program.

SECOND OFFENSE Upon the second confirmed positive test result, the parent/guardian and the student shall meet with the athletic director and/or principal/counselor to discuss the test results and the consequences. The student shall be sent to the Collin County Substance Abuse Program. The student must fulfill the recommendations of the Collin County Substance Abuse Program, and successfully complete a drug education program approved by the District. The student shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities for 180 calendar days from the date of the second positive

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test. The student shall submit to and pass mandatory drug/alcohol testing for the next 12 drug/alcohol tests.

THIRD OFFENSE

Upon the third confirmed positive test result, the parent/guardian and the student shall meet with the athletic director and/or the principal/counselor to discuss the test results and the consequences. The student shall be removed from all participation in extracurricular activities for as long as the student attends District schools. If the student tests positive in middle school (grades 7–8), the student's record shall begin anew upon enrollment in the ninth grade year, provided the student is not under the mandatory testing at the time of transition. In that specific case students shall continue the mandatory testing, but start at the first positive test consequence upon a positive test result after enrollment in the ninth grade.

REFUSAL TO TEST OR
TAMPERING

If a student refuses any test as required or authorized by this policy, or tampers with any sample, the student shall receive the same consequences as set out for a positive test result for each refusal or tampering. Tampering shall include, but not be limited to, covering agents used to alter test results.

VOLUNTARY DRUG-
TESTING PROGRAM

Students who are not involved in designated activities but who voluntarily participate in the District drug-testing program with consent of their parent/guardian shall be subject to the same consequences for positive tests as set out herein.

APPEALS

Appeal of the consequences of a positive result must be communicated to the athletic director or principal by the student or parent/guardian within 48 hours of confirmation and notification of a positive result. Pending an appeal, the student shall remain suspended from all applicable extracurricular activities. If the appeal is resolved in favor of the student, the student shall be immediately reinstated to the extracurricular activity. Any appeal of a drug/alcohol test must be performed by a nationally certified drug/alcohol testing laboratory using the original positive sample, and shall be done at the parent/guardian's expense.