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STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

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(LOCAL)

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).

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. Lockers and desks are subject to blanket searches or inspections by District administrators. Searches or inspections 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 article or material prohibited by law, District policy, or the Student Code of Conduct. Students shall be held responsible for any 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 their 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 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, 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 found in their vehicles 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 the search, the District may contact local law enforcement officials and turn the matter over to them, or the District may conduct the search.

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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