

time conduct searches. Such searches are conducted without a warrant and as permitted by law.

Students and their Personal Belongings: School officials may conduct the search of a student's person or personal items if they have a reasonable cause to believe that the student is in possession of evidence of a crime or an item or substance prohibited by law and/or District policy.

Students' Desks and Lockers: Students' desks and lockers are school property and remain under the control and jurisdiction of the school even when assigned to an individual student. Students are fully responsible for the security and contents of the assigned desks and lockers. Students must be certain that their locker is locked and that the combination is not available to others. Searches of desks or lockers may be conducted at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by District policy, whether or not the student is present. The parent will be notified if any prohibited items are found in the student's desk or locker.

Vehicles on Campus: Vehicles parked on school property are under the jurisdiction of the school. School officials may search any vehicle any time there is reasonable cause to do so, with or without the presence of the student. A student has full responsibility for the security and content of his or her vehicle and must make certain that it is locked and that the keys are not given to others.

Trained Dogs: The District shall use specially trained, non-aggressive 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.

Metal Detectors: In order to maintain a safe school environment conducive to the educational process, the District shall use magnetometers ("metal detectors") to discover and deter violations of the District's policy prohibiting weapons [see FNCF (LEGAL) and (LOCAL)].

In order to prevent students from bringing weapons to school, students shall be subject to random, suspicionless, administrative searches for weapons. Such random searches shall be for weapons and nothing else.

Refusal of a student to cooperate in a random search shall be considered and treated as insubordination and conduct that substantially disrupts the school environment [see FOA (LEGAL) and shall subject the student to suspension.

Students assigned to the District's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) shall be searched on a daily basis upon entering the facility. Refusal of a student who has been placed in a disciplinary alternative education program to cooperate in this search shall subject the student to possible expulsion pursuant to the provisions of policies FOD (LEGAL) and (LOCAL).

Questioning of Students

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.

When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities wish to question or interview a student at school, the principal will verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and ask for an explanation of the need to question or interview the student at school.

If the principal determines that a necessity exists for the law enforcement officer or other lawful authority to interview the student at school during the school day, the principal will make reasonable efforts to notify the parents unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection. Ordinarily, the principal or other administrator will be present for the interview unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection. The principal will cooperate fully regarding the conditions of the interview, if the questioning or interview is part of a child abuse investigation.

Students Taken into Custody

State law requires the District to permit a student to be taken into legal custody under the following circumstances:

- To comply with an order of the juvenile court
- To comply with the laws of arrest
- By a law enforcement officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct in need of supervision
- By a probation officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has violated a condition of probation imposed by the juvenile court
- To comply with a properly issued directive to take a student into custody
- By an authorized representative of Child Protective Services, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a law enforcement officer, or a juvenile probation officer, without a court order, under the conditions set out in the Family Code relating to the student's physical health or safety.

Before a student is released to a law enforcement officer or other legally authorized person, the principal will verify the officer's identity and, to the best of his or her ability, will verify the official's authority to take custody of the student.

The principal will immediately notify the Superintendent or his designee and will ordinarily attempt to notify the parent unless the officer or other authorized person raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents. Because the principal does not have the authority to prevent or delay a custody action, notification will most likely be after the fact.

Notification of Law Violations

The District is required by state law to notify:

- All instructional and support personnel who have responsibility for supervising a student who has been arrested or referred to the juvenile court for any felony offense or for certain misdemeanors.
- All instructional and support personnel who have regular contact with a student who has been convicted, received deferred prosecution or adjudication, or has been adjudicated for delinquent conduct for any felony offense or certain misdemeanors.

Outdoor Safety

The District monitors the heat index to determine if it is safe for students to participate in outdoor activities. Students are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids at home and at school during the hotter months of the school year. Staff members are trained to recognize the symptoms of heat stress. Those symptoms are: extreme sweating or lack of sweating; paleness; muscle cramps; fatigue and weakness; dizziness; headache; nausea and vomiting; rapid pulse rate; shallow, fast breathing; and fainting. Students exhibiting these symptoms will be taken to the school nurse.

Students are kept indoors if there is a threat of thunderstorms and lightning.