

Hawley Independent School District

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To all Parents:

Re: INTERROGATIONS BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS, POLICE OR OTHER AUTHORITIES: Refer to school board policy FNF regarding interrogations, searches of lockers and vehicles using trained dogs as well as student rights and responsibilities in relation to interrogations and searches.

This letter is to inform all stakeholders that Hawley I.S.D. will be allowing drug dogs on our Middle School and High School campuses only. Safety of your child is our paramount concern, with that in mind the school board and I have signed an agreement with Inter-Quest Drug Detection. These dogs will be another instrument we will use to help insure your child's safety while attending our schools.

This is in accordance with 09/12/13 FNF (Local) policy which states:

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. 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. 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.

Sincerely,



Jimmy J. Burns
Superintendent