

RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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RE: Interquest Detection Canines Partnership

Dear RHS Parents and Guardians:

Ridgewood High School strives to ensure our campus and students remain safe and drug-free. To this end, we will continue implementing a positive, innovative school safety program in partnership with Interquest Detection Canines® of Chicagoland. The Interquest program will use trained school safety dogs to conduct random, unannounced inspections of our campus. These dogs are friendly, non-aggressive breeds trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, narcotics, gunpowder-based items, alcohol, and commonly abused medications.

Notice of Property Inspections and Privacy Expectations: In accordance with the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(e)), campus common areas, lockers, desks, and grounds (including the school parking lot) are subject to random inspection.

Please be advised that school lockers, desks, and parking areas are the property of the school district. Under state law, students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in school property or in any personal belongings left inside school property.

Scope of Safety Inspections:

- Canines will be utilized strictly to inspect school property, lockers, vehicles in the school lot, and unattended personal items (such as backpacks left in common areas).
- Canines will not be used to sniff or search a student's physical person.
- Medications stored legally and registered in the Nurse's Office are completely exempt from these protocols.

If a canine inspection provides a positive alert indicating that a school rule or state law has been violated, school officials will investigate and initiate appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with our existing student handbook policies.

We appreciate your continued partnership in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all our students.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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