



# RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Ridgewood High School Parents and Guardians:

Ridgewood High School continually strives to ensure that our campus and students remain safe and drug free. To this end, we will continue to implement 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 such as Golden and Labrador Retrievers. The dogs are trained to detect the presence of many prohibited items that pose a threat in today's schools, including:

- Illicit drugs and narcotics
- Gunpowder-based items
- Beverage alcohol
- Commonly abused prescription and over-the-counter medications (this does not pertain to those stored legally in the Nurse's Office)

Campus common areas, lockers, and grounds (including the parking lot) will be randomly inspected for prohibited items. If an item is found, Ridgewood High School will initiate the appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with our existing school policies and procedures.

Ridgewood High School is taking every reasonable precaution to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all concerned. We believe that our new safety program will play a key role in achieving our goal.

We thank you for your continuing support.

Gina Castellano

David Hawk

Principal

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