

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL



*A collaborative community of learners dedicated to academic excellence,
personal integrity, and interpersonal responsibility.*

Mr. Ralph F. Mayo
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greenwich High School has a zero tolerance policy for drug possession or drug use on campus. Through enforcement of the policy and education of our students, we seek to help students make healthy and safe choices regarding illicit substances and to ensure that these substances are not brought onto the GHS campus.

On the enforcement side, we work in partnership with the Greenwich Police. One step is to bring the canine unit onto campus. The Greenwich Police have a State of Connecticut certified canine. The dog can detect any illicit drug. We use the dog to sniff cars in the parking lot. If the canine detects an illegal substance in the vehicle, the student who drove the vehicle onto GHS property will be subject to a search of his/her person and belongings by a GHS administrator. Parents/guardians should be aware that the person to whom a car is registered is liable for anything in that car, even if their child is the primary user of the car. We use the canine to sniff lockers and any other locations we believe may have been used to hide drugs. The police canine is not brought into school while students are present and the canine will never have a role in detecting illicit substances on a student or in a student's personal belongings (such as a backpack).

Alongside this enforcement, we continually educate our students about the dangers and health implications of drug use. With the Greenwich Police, GHS educators help students understand the potential implications of drug use and of bringing drugs on campus.

Our ultimate intent is to deter students from engaging in high risk behavior. Our Vision of the Graduate calls for students who "conduct themselves in an ethical and responsible manner," and who are "responsible for their own mental and physical health." We work with you, the parents or guardians, the students and other partners to ensure that GHS is as free of illicit drugs as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph F. Mayo".

Mr. Ralph F. Mayo