

DRUG SEARCHES: USE OF CANINES

The Superintendent may request that local police conduct a search performed with the use of canines to detect the presence of illegal drugs. The purpose of such use shall be to discourage the possession of drugs on school property and to serve as a deterrent to general drug abuse.

Such searches will be performed by having the students in a classroom or other areas leave their bags, backpacks or similar containers in the room. After the students have left the area it will be searched by canines trained to detect the presence of controlled substances. Searches of closed lockers may be performed at any time by the use of canines. Students will not be subjected to search by the use of canines.

Those containers indicated by the canine to contain controlled substances shall be opened and searched. The failure of the canine to indicate a particular container will not preclude the search of that container if there is a reasonable cause to believe that the container is otherwise subject to search.

In the event that drugs are discovered, the principal or his/her designee shall follow district policy 51140.1-Students-Drug & Alcohol Policy as printed in the Student Handbook.

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