

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Use of Drug-Detection Dogs

Drug-detection dogs shall not be used in classrooms or other district facilities when the rooms are occupied, except for demonstration purposes, with the handler present. When used for demonstration purposes, the dog shall be separated from the students and not allowed to sniff any individual.

Prior to conducting a search, persons shall be asked to leave the room that will be subject to the canine search. No person shall be forced to leave personal items behind for search, unless school officials have reasonable suspicion to search the item.

Only the dog's official handler shall determine what constitutes an alert by the dog. If the dog alerts on a particular item or place, the student having the use of that item or place, or responsibility for it, shall be called to witness the search. If a dog alerts on a locked vehicle, the student who brought the vehicle onto district property shall be asked to unlock it for inspection.

Notifications

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians of the possibility of random searches of students, their belongings, and district properties under their control, including lockers or desks.

In addition, students and parents/guardians shall also be informed that student vehicles parked on district property may also be subject to search by school officials.