



AP 1 – 23 Narcotics Detection Dogs

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PURPOSE

To ensure that a search using a law enforcement canine trained in narcotics investigation may be made at a site within the Division in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of students and staff at the school.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all staff.

DEFINITIONS

Parcels and bags: handbags, book bags and backpacks.

PROCEDURES

1. The Principal or designate may authorize a search by a law enforcement trained narcotics detachment dog under the following conditions:
 - 1.1 All students and parents have been informed in writing of the possibilities of law enforcement canines trained in narcotics being brought onto school property
 - 1.2 The Principal or designate must notify the Superintendent or designate of the reason for his /her request for a law enforcement search
 - 1.3 Once approval has been granted by the Superintendent or designate, random or suspected automobile, locker, bag or parcel searches can occur. In no case shall a random or non-random group of students or individuals be subject to an individual search by a narcotics detachment dog.
 - 1.4 Parcels and bags can be scanned by the law enforcement trained narcotics detachment dog.
2. In the event that drugs or drug paraphernalia or other contraband are found in any stage of the screening, those items and the involved student shall meet with the school Principal. The appropriate law enforcement officials shall be notified.
3. Parents must be notified by the Principal if drugs or drug paraphernalia have been found in the students locker, bag, vehicle or person.
4. No school personnel may conduct a pat down search of a student.
5. The school Principal shall suspend or seek expulsion of the student found to be in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia.

REFERENCE AND LINKS

Education Act

HISTORY

Review every 5 years

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