

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CONTRABAND SEARCHES (REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall govern the searching of school property by search dogs.

Searches of school property and grounds will be conducted during periodic, unannounced visits either during school hours or non-school hours at the discretion of the superintendent.

Student lockers, vehicles, school desks, and any area of concealment are subject to search. If a search dog indicates the possible presence of any material which the dog is trained to detect, that area or place or thing of concealment will be further searched by law enforcement officers or by designated school personnel.

No student will be the target of a search by a search dog. However, if the search dog indicates the possible presence of material which the dog is trained to detect on the person of a student, a further search of that person's outer garments, purses, containers, or other items of concealment will be conducted by law enforcement officers or by designated school personnel.

Searches which disclose the presence of any material which the dog is trained to detect, or any material or items which is forbidden by school policy may lead to further investigation by school officials or law enforcement officers, and/or disciplinary action by the school. Such disciplinary action may include suspension. No disciplinary action will be taken without appropriate due process. Parental or legal guardian notification will be made in all cases where prohibited substances, materials, or items are discovered.

Strip searches or "body" searches are prohibited.