

Paragon Dog Plan

Process, Oversight, & Rationale



Process - procedure

- Administrator (usually Dean of Students) addresses class. Offers students to self-surrender any vapes prior to dog search.
 - Parent notified, resources offered
- Students are escorted out of class/area.
- Dogs search room with student belongings.
- Any “hits” result in admin searching bags.
 - Finding: student goes through discipline process
 - False alarm: student is notified their bag was hit on and searched

Process - rationale

- Burden to search belongings: reasonable suspicion for school admin, probable cause for law enforcement
 - Dog hit on student belongings satisfies reasonable suspicion only

Oversight

- School administration present during search
- Goals (keeping vapes out of our school, getting resources to those with an addiction) communicated with students
- School administration handles 100% moving forward if there is a surrendered vaping device or a positive hit
 - Law enforcement referral for positive hit
- SRO is present and participates as appropriate (when possible)

Rationale - deterrence

- Vape alerts drop drastically for 3-4 days following a visit
 - Ex: 0 alerts for several hours after first visit this year
- Self-surrenders
 - Get devices out of our schools
- Research on dogs as a deterrence
 - Mixed
 - Law enforcement referrals correlate with lower graduation rates, future incarceration
 - Some research shows less reported vape use and higher perception of campus safety when dogs are used
 - Some research shows unintended consequences including increased anxiety and fear reactions even in students who do not vape

Rationale - optics

- Sends message that we do not allow or want vaping devices on our campus
- Consistent with board goals and overall community values
- Supportive of perception of overall campus safety

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Thank You

