

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHOREWOOD

446.2

USE OF CANINE UNITS IN SEARCH ACTIVITIES

In an effort to maintain a safe school environment and protect the health and welfare of students, employees, and others, the Board of Education authorizes the use of trained canine units to detect the presence of illegal controlled substances and explosive devices in school buildings and on school premises. The presence of the canine unit on school property is authorized in advance by the Superintendent or designee or is pursuant to a court order or warrant. The canines must be accompanied by a qualified and authorized trainer who will be responsible for maintaining control of the canine and interpreting the canine's responses.

Canine units may be used without prior notification. They may be used when:

1. a reasonable suspicion that illegal controlled substances or explosive devices may be on school premises but at unknown locations.
2. a canine search will be beneficial to the ongoing drug prevention efforts of the District.

Canine searches may include, but are not limited to, the exploration of the outside of lockers, vehicles parked on school property, or any other areas of school property deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or designee. Canine units may not be used to sniff a student's person including articles of clothing the student is wearing or a bag while the student is holding it. Students will be restricted to classrooms and kept out of hallways when canine units are in use in school buildings.

In the event that a canine unit indicates the possible presence of illegal controlled substances or explosive devices in a locker, vehicle or other location, the area will be searched by school officials in accordance with Board policy and applicable legal requirements.

Students and their parent/guardian(s) shall be informed of this policy annually through the student handbook.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.32 Wisconsin Statutes
118.325
948.50
Federal Laws
U.S. Constitution, 4th Amendment

CROSS REF.: 443.4, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use
443.6, Student Use of Weapons
445, Student Interviews with Outside Agency
Personnel
446.1, Student Search Activities
522.1, Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

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