

Students

SAFE SCHOOLS

In utilizing the services of nonaggressive trained detection canines, the District will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Under no circumstance will a dog be allowed to sniff the person of a student, employee, patron, visitor or anyone else while on District property or at any District event. This prohibition extends to and includes demonstrations. The canines shall not be used in classrooms occupied by students except for demonstration purposes.
2. The canine may be used to sniff lockers, common areas, desks, bags, items or vehicles that are on District property defined in accordance with the federal Drug Free School Zone laws.
3. Only the canine's official handler will determine what constitutes an alert by the canine. If the canine alerts to a particular item or place, the person having the use of, bringing onto District property or responsible for that place or item will be called to the scene to witness the search. Ownership of the item or place will be established and search activities will be conducted in accordance with District policy and applicable law.
4. In the event the canine alerts on a locked vehicle, the owner or person bringing it onto District property shall be asked to open the vehicle for inspection to be conducted by the canine handler. Refusal to open the item for inspection may result in referring the matter to law enforcement officials, disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or termination of employment for employees, and suspension or expulsion for students, and loss of parking privileges on District property for both student and employee. Visitors or patrons may be banned from District property.
5. Discovery of a prohibited substance or item may result in referral to law enforcement or disciplinary action but not limited to termination of employment for employees and referral to law enforcement or disciplinary action in keeping with district policy for students.
6. Students and employees shall be informed on this policy at the beginning of each school year.