

CANINE PATROL/SEARCHES

The following procedures will be observed when conducting canine patrols and resulting searches of student lockers and their contents, or a student's vehicle and its contents:

1. The Superintendent will authorize, in writing, the principal to coordinate with law enforcement agencies to arrange for a canine patrol to be completed.
2. The patrol will be scheduled to minimize disruption of the academic program. Dogs will be brought into the school or onto the parking lot at a time and place that minimizes the risk of contact with the students.
3. Teachers will be notified immediately prior to the initiation of the canine patrol, and will keep students in their rooms during the patrol.
4. Any locker, property, or vehicle identified by dogs will be noted by the school administrator accompanying the patrol.
5. After all lockers or cars have been scanned, the dogs will be removed from the building or grounds.
6. Immediately following removal of the dogs, each locker, property or vehicle noted during the canine patrol will be searched. Each search will be conducted by a team of two administrators and a police officer.
7. If practical, the student who was assigned the locker, property or vehicle should be present during the search. If the student is present, any closed items may be removed to a more private location before being searched. The students may be given the opportunity to open any closed items or those items that are not easily accessible to visual search. If the student refuses, the administrators shall open and search the items.
8. Anything found during the search which is illegal, violates school policies or regulations, or which in the reasonable judgment of school officials represents a threat to the safety and welfare of the school population may be seized. The seizure shall comply with the following guidelines:
 - a. Items which are illegal will be turned over to law enforcement officials. Other items seized will be secured under lock and key until appropriate disposition is made.
 - b. An administrator conducting the search shall prepare a written report covering who, what, when, where and why items were seized. The report will indicate the disposition of the items. Copies of the report will be provided to the student, parent/guardian, and superintendent.

Cross Reference: JIH Questioning and Searches of Students
 JIH-R Questioning and Searches of Students – Administrative Procedures
 KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
 JICIA Weapons, Violence and School Safety

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