

Policy #: 446.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER

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Policy Title: Use of Canine Units in Search Activities

In an effort to maintain a drug-free school environment and protect the health and welfare of students and others, the School Board authorizes the use of trained canine units to detect the presence of illegal controlled substances in school buildings and on school premises. 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 to students and/or school personnel. They may be used when:

1. There is a reasonable suspicion that illegal controlled substances may be on school premises but at unknown locations.
2. There is a belief that a random preventive canine search will be beneficial to the ongoing drug prevention efforts of the District.

Canine searches may include, but are not limited to, the exploratory sniffing 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 drug-detection canine unit indicates the possible presence of illegal controlled substances in a locker, vehicle or other location, the area may be searched by school officials in accordance with Board policy and applicable legal requirements.

The District shall include a copy of this policy in the student handbook that is distributed annually.

Legal Reference:

WISCONSIN STATUTES

[Section 118.32](#) *[strip search by school employees]*

[Section 118.325](#) *[locker searches]*

[Section 118.45](#) *[testing students for the presence of alcohol; policy required]*

[Section 948.50](#) *[criminal penalties; strip search by school employees]*

[Section 995.55\(3\)](#) *[access to personal Internet accounts of students]*

FEDERAL LAWS

[U.S. Constitution, 4th Amendment](#)