

USE OF CONTRABAND DETECTION DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

In an effort to keep Perry Public Schools free of drugs, illegal contraband and weapons, the district shall use specifically trained non-aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert staff to the presence of substances and items prohibited by federal and state law or board policy. The dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, or vehicles on district property or at district sponsored events as long as they are not allowed to sniff within the close proximity of students.

Only the dog’s official handler shall determine what constitutes an alert by the dog. If the dog alerts on a particular item or place, the student having the use of that item or place, or responsibility for it, shall be called to witness the search. If a dog alerts on a locked vehicle, the student who brought the vehicle on to district property shall be required to unlock the vehicle for inspection.

Contraband detection dogs shall not be used in rooms occupied by persons except for demonstration purposes, with the official handler present. When used for demonstration purposes, the dog shall be separated from the students and not allowed to sniff any individual.

As defined: Canine contraband detection is the utilization of dogs certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) to detect the presence of prohibited items on district property.

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy FNF, Search of Students