

## **226.1 USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH SCHOOL PROPERTY**

### **PURPOSE**

The Board supports the elimination of the possession or use of illegal substances. The Board wants to convey a strong message to the community, faculty, and staff and student body concerning the use or possession of illegal substances.

### **AUTHORITY**

It shall be the policy of the school district to permit the Superintendent or his/her designee to periodically invite law enforcement agencies to search school property with dogs trained for the purpose of finding illegal substances:

1. The Superintendent shall authorize the search and have a designee on hand while the search is taking place.
2. Notification of this policy shall be given to parents and students at the beginning of each school year. It shall be included in the student handbook or student calendar, as may be appropriate.
3. All school property such as lockers, classrooms and storage areas may be searched.
4. All vehicles parked on school property may be searched.
5. Individuals shall not be subjected to a search by dogs.
6. Once notification has been given to parents and students, the school district will have met its obligation to advertise the search. Actual times or dates of planned searches will not be released in advance.
7. The law enforcement agency will be given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any person found to be responsible for illegal substances on school property.