

MONTGOMERY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH
SCHOOL PROPERTY

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227.2. USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH SCHOOL PROPERTY	
1. Purpose	The district supports the elimination of the possession or use of illegal substances/devices. The Board wants to convey a strong message to the community, staff and student body concerning the use or possession of illegal substances.
2. Guidelines	<p>It shall be the policy of the school district to permit the administration to periodically invite law enforcement agencies or other qualified agencies or individuals to search school property with dogs trained for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal substances.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The dog must be accompanied by a qualified and authorized trainer who will be responsible for the dog's actions.2. The administration shall authorize the search and have a designee on hand while the search is taking place.3. All school property such as lockers, classrooms, parking areas and storage areas may be searched.4. Individual(s) shall not be subjected to a search by dogs. An indication by the dog that contraband is present on school property or an automobile shall be reasonable cause for further search by school officials.5. Once notification has been given to parents and students, through the inclusion of the policies in the student/parent handbook and/or the school newsletter, the school district will have met its obligation to advertise searches. Additional notices need not be given and actual times or dates of planned searches need not be released in advance.6. Law enforcement agencies will be given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any person(s) found to be responsible for illegal substance(s) on school property.