

Detection Canines

The Richland School District Board of Directors is committed to providing students and employees with schools and work places that are free of drugs and weapons. To that end, the Board prohibits the presence of drugs, controlled substances, weapons of any type, explosive devices, alcohol, and non-authorized medication on district property or at any district-sponsored event.

The Board, based on current state of Washington law, declares that using a dog to sniff air around items or places listed in this policy is not a search. The Board continues to adhere to the policy that no actual search will be conducted without a particularized reasonable suspicion or belief that evidence of a rule violation will be found. At no time will any person be subjected to inspection by detection canines.

In conjunction with other district security measures, a trained dog may be used to sniff the air for prohibited items. The specific areas sniffed may be lockers, unoccupied classrooms, unattended desks, bags, items, or vehicles that are on district property or at a district-sponsored event. Students who elect to park cars on district property do so knowing that the exterior of the vehicle may be sniffed. A dog's alert constitutes reasonable suspicion to search and only the dog's official handler will determine what constitutes an alert by the dog. If the dog alerts on a particular item or place, the person(s) bringing the item onto district property, or responsible for that place or item, will be called to the scene as outlined in district policy to witness the search by school official(s). All searches shall be made in compliance with district policy and applicable law.

Discovery of a prohibited substance or item may result in referral to law enforcement and/or disciplinary action in keeping with district policy for students.

The above inspections may be unannounced and shall be made at the discretion of the superintendent or designee. Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy at the beginning of each school year.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
		13.64.060	Power and Capacity of emancipated minor
		28A.320.040	Bylaws for board and school government
		28A.600.020	Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and Optimum learning atmosphere
		28A.600.210	School official searches of student lockers
		28A.210.310	Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property.
		28A.170.075	Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
		20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq.	Drug-free Schools and Community Act
		41 USC §§ 701-707	Drug Free Workplace Act of Subtitle D 1988 and as amended in 1989
		20 USC §§ 7101	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
		21 U.S.C. 812	Controlled Substance Act
		21 CFR 1300.11-1300	
	WAC	180-40-215	Student rights