

**SERIES 400  
STUDENTS**

446.2

**USE OF CANINE UNITS**

School officials are authorized to allow the use of trained dogs on school property to detect marijuana or other illegal drugs or contraband on school premises.

Canines accompanied by law officials may be used for exploratory sniffing of locker exteriors, vehicles parked on school property and any other area of school property deemed appropriate. This activity will be carried out on a random or periodic basis and/or when reasonable suspicion exists.

**RULE:**

1. School officials may make random searches of district-owned lockers if the school has a written policy on the practice and that policy is widely disseminated to the student body.
2. Canines may be used without prior immediate notification of students and/or school personnel.
3. Canines may be called by the school principal/designee upon notification of the district administrator/designee.
4. Under normal circumstances, canines will be used at least once a school year at all secondary schools (middle and high school). Canines may also be used at any district elementary school, given reasonable suspicion.
5. When canines are present, a *Lockdown* will be implemented. Students will be restricted to their classrooms while canines are in use.
6. In the event of a canine “hit” the locker or other area will be searched more extensively using established procedures.

Legal Reference:       Section 118.325 Wisconsin Statutes

Cross References:     446.2 - RULE

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