

Interrogations and Searches

In conjunction with policy JFG the following administrative rules will be used:

Search and Seizure - General

A search of a person and/or his/her property should be limited to a situation where there is reasonable suspicion that the person is secreting evidence of an illegal act or school violation.

Whenever feasible, the person should be present when his/her property or school property which he/she uses is being searched.

Dangerous weapons, firearms or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of the possessor or others may be seized by school officials.

Items which may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from the person's possession.

All lockers and desks are school properties. General search of school properties including, but not limited to, locker or desk may occur at any time and items belonging to the school may be seized.

All items seized shall be returned to the proper authorities or the true owner.

Accurate records shall be kept by each school principal of all search and seizure proceedings. The record shall be reviewed annually by the principal and the superintendent.

Canine Patrol Program

The school district was approached by Linn County Sheriff's office with a proposal that "drug-sniffing" dogs from their canine unit be put at the disposal of the school district for use in locating illegal drugs.

The following agreement has been reached with the Linn County Sheriff's office:

1. The cost of the use of the canine and its handler would be at the expense of the sheriff's office.
2. The program would be a drug prevention program.
3. It will start with the 1997-98 school year.
4. Drug dogs will be used for reasonable suspicion of search purposes only at the high school (grade 7-12) level.
5. Dogs may be incorporated at the appropriate time with the D.A.R.E. program at the elementary level as an educational tool.
6. Searches of buildings will be done on a random basis.

7. Linn County will contact the superintendent to coordinate the random searches with the building principal.
8. Dogs may be used initially to decide if there is a reasonable suspicion to search lockers, building grounds, parking lots and persons.
9. Student handbooks or other notices will contain information regarding the program.
10. A pamphlet will be developed by the sheriff's office and school by September 1997 that will tell about the use of the dog, as well as dangerous drugs, alcohol and guns. It will be distributed to the schools in the fall.
11. All searches will be conducted by school officials only.

The student handbook will be modified with a statement under "vehicles" which will read ... "cars so registered that are parked on or near school property during school hours are subject to search and seizure of contraband." A statement indicating that the "drug-sniffing" dogs will be used on a random basis to decide if there is a reasonable suspicion to search lockers and other school property, will be inserted under the "Search and Seizure" section.

If drugs are found by school officials, the amount of drugs will determine appropriate action by the school administration, the school district will be the agency responsible for taking disciplinary action against the offender. Our district policies and regulations concerning drug and alcohol use or possession will be followed in these circumstances.

Each August or September principal will meet with all high school staff (grades 7-12) to make sure they are aware of and understand the program. It will be expected that the high school (grades 7-12) will communicate the Canine Patrol program to their parents and students through newsletters or other appropriate methods. Only when every effort is made to assure that parents, students and staff are fully aware of the program and the consequences of being in possession or under the influence of drugs will the program begin.

Alcohol Sensor

The district administration may choose to use a passive alcohol sensor device at any time during school or any school sponsored activity.

1. The school community shall be notified through a newsletter or letter to parents and some form of announcement to students of the intent to use the sensors and the conditions under which these will be used.
2. If Administration finds evidence of alcohol use, the initial grounds for suspected use will be documented.

Suspicion of Use/Influence of Alcohol or other Drugs

Whenever any teaching staff member, school nurse, or other educational personnel shall have a reasonable suspicion that a student may have ingested or be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance, as that term is defined by law, such staff member shall report the matter as soon as possible to the principal or the principal's designee.

The principal/designee shall immediately (or as soon as possible) call the student to the office and attempt to determine the validity of the suspicion through questions, searches, etc. Failure on the student's part to cooperate may result in immediate out-of-school suspension.

CENTRAL LINN SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
LINN COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Agreement on Use of Drug-Sniffing Dogs

1. Searches of buildings will be done on a random basis.
2. Linn County Sheriffs Department will contact the school to coordinate with the building principal the random search.
3. Dogs will be used to search lockers, buildings, grounds, parking lots and rooms only, and not students or staff.
4. Dogs will be used in the parking lots to check cars. Any student or staff using a school district parking facility is subject to search of their vehicle as a condition of being permitted to park on campus.
5. If as a result of a search by a school official, drugs are found, the amount of drugs will determine appropriate action by the school administration, the school district will be the primary agency responsible for taking disciplinary action against the offender. Our district policies and regulations concerning drug and alcohol use or possession will be followed in these circumstances.