

**FILE: JFAA**

**MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**FILE SECTOR: STUDENTS**  
**POLICY TITLE: CANINE SEARCHES**

In order to maintain a safe, healthful school environment, the use of dogs that have been specifically trained to detect the odor of controlled substances, explosives and/or contraband materials may be used to search buildings and grounds of the Medford Area Public School District at the discretion of the district administrator or his/her designee. The canine unit may be used when 1) there is a reasonable suspicion that controlled substances may be hidden in the building, 2) there is a reasonable suspicion that controlled substances, explosives and/or contraband materials may be hidden in vehicles parked in/on school property, or 3) as a random preventative search to benefit ongoing drug prevention effort. School property includes, but is not limited to lockers, desks, vehicles parked on school property, buses and any other areas of school property deemed appropriate.

Canines may be used without prior notifications to students and/or school personnel. Students will be restricted to classrooms and kept out of hallways while canines are in use.

School officials have an affirmative duty to investigate any suspicion that conduct or materials dangerous or harmful to the health and welfare of students or school personnel or property are present within the school and shall cooperate with law enforcement personnel in any such investigation. In the event of a canine "hit," the locker, vehicle, area or property being sniffed will be searched further.

Any item seized during a search by school officials will be safeguarded until determination has been made by the appropriate authorities for the disposition of said items.

**CROSS REFERENCE: JFC, JFGA, GBCBC, JFCH, JFCHA**  
**LEGAL REFERENCE: Angelia D.B., 211 Wis. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 154, §118.325, Wis. Stats.**