

<b>BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> <b>Policy Manual</b>
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Section: PUPILS

Title: USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH SCHOOL PROPERTY

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### **251. USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH SCHOOL PROPERTY**

- .1 The district supports the elimination of the possession or use of illegal substances. The Board wants to convey a strong message to the community, faculty, staff and student body concerning the use or possession of illegal substances.
- .2 It shall be the policy of the school district to permit the administration to periodically invite law enforcement agencies to search school property with dogs trained for the purpose of finding illegal substances.
  - .21 The administration shall authorize the search and have a designee on hand while the search is taking place.
  - .22 Notification of this policy shall be given to parents and students at the beginning of each school year.
  - .23 All school property such as lockers, classrooms and storage areas may be searched.
  - .24 All vehicles parked on school property may be searched.
  - .25 Individuals shall not be subjected to a search by dogs. Personal items, such as backpacks, purses, dufflebags and the like, may be randomly searched, as per guidelines in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.
  - .26 Once notification has been given to parents and students, the school district will have met its obligation to give notice of searches. Actual times or dates of planned searches will not be released in advance.
  - .27 The law enforcement agency will be given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any person found to be responsible for illegal substance on school property.