

Twin Valley School District

No. 227.1

SECTION(S): Pupils
 TITLE: Canine Searches
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1		227.1 CANINE SEARCHES	1
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3		Should circumstances exist justifying a general search, school	3
4		officials may use trained dogs to search inanimate objects on school	4
5		premises, including student lockers, cars, bags, back packs, coats,	5
6		purses and other such belongings for drugs or other illegal	6
7		contraband.	7
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9		It shall be the policy of the district to permit the administration to	9
10		periodically invite law enforcement agencies to search school	10
11		property with dogs trained for the purpose of finding illegal	11
12		substances and materials in accordance with the following	12
13		guidelines:	13
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15		1. The administration shall authorize the search and have a	15
16		member of the administrative staff on hand while the search	16
17		is taking place.	17
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19		2. Prior to implementation, and at least annually thereafter,	19
20		notice of this policy shall be given to parents, students and	20
21		staff through a variety of notices, i.e., mailings to homes of	21
22		students, public announcement and school publications.	22
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24		3. All school property such as lockers, desks, classrooms,	24
25		storage areas, parking lots, athletic fields and facilities may	25
26		be searched at any time.	26
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28		4. All vehicles parked on school property may be searched if	28
29		permitted by law enforcement agency conducting the search.	29
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31		5. An indication by the search dog that contraband is present	31
32		on the individual, school property or a vehicle shall be	32
33		reasonable cause for further search by school officials.	33
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35		6. Once notification has been given to parents, students and	35
36		staff, the district will have met its obligation to advertise any	36
37		searches. Actual times and dates of planned searches will	37
38		not be released in advance.	38
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40		7. The law enforcement agency and district administration are	40
41		given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any	41
42		person found to be responsible for illegal substances and	42
43		material on school property at any time.	43
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45		It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee to	45
46		follow and implement the provisions of this policy. Following the	46
47		use of a search dog, the Board shall be officially notified by the	47
48		Superintendent or designee.	48
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