

SECTION: PUPILS

# CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: USE OF ANIMALS TO  
SEARCH SCHOOL

PROPERTY

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	<b>227– Use of Animals to Search School Property</b>	<b>1</b>
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1. Purpose	The district supports the elimination of the possession or use of illegal substances/devices. The board wants to convey a strong message to the community, faculty, staff, and student body concerning the use or possession of illegal substances.	<b>4</b>
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2. Guidelines	It shall be the policy of the school district to permit the administration to periodically invite law enforcement agencies or other qualified agencies or individuals to search school property with animals trained for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal substances:	<b>9</b>
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	1. The administration shall authorize the search and have a designee on hand while the search is taking place.	<b>14</b>
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	2. Parents and students will be notified of this policy through its inclusion in the student and/or parent handbook.	<b>17</b>
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	3. All school property such as lockers, classrooms, school parking lots and vehicles within such boundaries, and storage areas may be searched.	<b>20</b>
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	4. Individual(s) shall not be subjected to a search by animals.	<b>23</b>
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	5. Once notification has been given to parents and students, the school district will have met its obligation to advertise the searches. Additional notices need not be given and actual times or dates of planned searches need not be released in advance.	<b>25</b>
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	6. Law enforcement agencies will be given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any person(s) found to be responsible for illegal substance(s) on school property.	<b>30</b>
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