



CONTRABAND DETECTION SERVICES ON CAMPUS

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear families, staff, and community members,

In Manteca Unified we are ever committed to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment where all students can succeed. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our schools, we want to inform you about an important initiative we have implemented – the use of contraband detection services.

This service will use highly-trained personnel and canines, or dogs, to inspect all school campuses throughout the year to help keep students and staff safe and deter prohibited items from entering our school grounds.

What will the dogs detect for?

Contraband detection dogs are specially-trained to work with their handlers and assist our school safety teams in detecting illegal substances and prohibited items such as drugs, weapons, and alcohol. These dogs have been trained to detect the scent of these items, whether they are currently present or were in the past, and can alert the school administration to potential concerns. If the dogs alert on an odor they are trained to detect, regular safety protocols will be followed.

Why are we using contraband detection services?

Our primary goal is to maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students and staff. The use of the service is a proactive measure to minimize the potential dangers of contraband on school campuses.

When will the inspections occur?

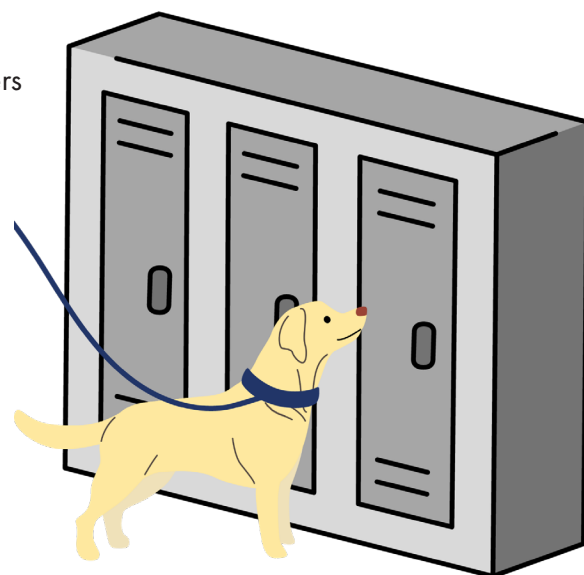
These unannounced inspections will take place periodically throughout the year in common areas such as classrooms, locker areas, parking lots, and other areas where prohibited items may be concealed. There will be no contact between the dogs and students. During an inspection, students will exit the classroom and leave their belongings behind.

What can parents do?

We encourage parents, families, caretakers, and community members to talk to children about the importance of safe behaviors, the dangers of substance abuse, and the consequences of bringing prohibited items to school. Safety is a shared responsibility and it is vital that we work together to create a safer environment for all.

Who is providing the contraband detection service?

This service is provided by K.I.D.S., Inc., a professional consulting and detection-canine group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Safety, at dfoster@musd.net.



MUSD's Board of Education declared October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week! For resources on Red Ribbon Week and substance abuse prevention, visit www.mantecausd.net/red-ribbon-week.