

Contraband Canine Use

In order to ensure a safe learning environment for all students, the Walnut Valley Unified School District has established a contract to bring specially trained canines to Diamond Bar High School to deter students from bringing illegal substances onto campus. The dogs are trained to detect the odor and residual odor of illegal drugs (e.g., marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy), frequently-abused prescription drugs (e.g., Xanax, oxycodone, Adderall), alcoholic beverages (e.g., wine, beer, vodka), and gunpowder (e.g., ammunition, fireworks, weapons). The contraband dogs that will visit our campus are non-aggressive and friendly; however, while they are on campus, they are working, and students and staff are instructed not to pet or play with the dogs.

A dog will never be directed to sniff students or the air immediately around students during a campus visit. While on campus, the canine team will be accompanied at all times by one or more administrator and/or GLC. The canine team will search all areas of campus including classrooms, cars parked on school grounds, storage areas, and restrooms. During a classroom visit, the students will be asked to leave their belongings behind and wait outside the room with their teacher. With administrators or GLCs present in the room, the dog will sniff the air inside the classroom, including the air around the student belongings. If the dog indicates an alert, a search will be conducted by the administrators or GLCs accompanying the canine team to determine the source of the odor that caused the alert.

If you ever become concerned that your student has a drug or alcohol problem there are resources available through the school and district, contact your student's GLC for more information.



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