

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

USE OF CANINE LAW ENFORCEMENT

5.31.4

In order to maintain drug-free schools and deal with problems associated with drug use and drug trafficking, the Henry County Board of Education allows law enforcement officials to make periodic, unannounced visits to any public school in the school system to detect the presence of illegal drugs or weapons. The superintendent and the principal shall be given prior notice.

In implementing the use of drug-sniffing dogs, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Although reasonable cause is not necessary under law in using dogs to sniff unoccupied automobiles, buses, and lockers, principals will use reasonable care in the search process.
2. Only the principal or designee with approval from the superintendent or designee shall implement the use of drug-sniffing dogs in schools.
3. In the search for drugs, drug-sniffing dogs will be handled by trained dog-handlers under the supervision of the principal or designee and an appropriate law enforcement official.
4. Dogs will not be allowed to sniff students or employees.
5. Dogs will not be brought into the school while large numbers of students are occupying the halls or other gathering places such as lobbies, buses, cafeterias, restrooms, and auditoriums.

REFERENCES:

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8, AAC §290-3-1-.02**

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