

**Students****Activities****Police Canine Searches**

The Watertown Unified School District authorizes the use of canine units to detect controlled substances or drug paraphernalia in school buildings and grounds, and to perform other tasks for which the canine unit is trained in order to maintain a safe and drug free environment. Planned non-emergency searches will be conducted at the discretion of the Superintendent in conjunction with the building administrator. Searches may be conducted without prior notification to students and/or school personnel. Whenever possible the canine units will be accompanied by a school administrator. Individuals possessing prohibited substances or paraphernalia will be subject to prosecution by civil authorities and disciplinary consequences from the Watertown Unified School District.

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