



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
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Student Support Services

The Sweetwater Union High School District has partnered with the Chula Vista Police Department to bring specially trained dogs onto our school campus to deter contraband substances from being brought onto our site. This resource is one way to ensure a safe learning environment on campus and deter students from bringing illegal substances to school.

DOGS ARE TRAINED TO DETECT THE ODOR OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:

- **ILLCIT DRUG ODORS** : marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and opium
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**: wine, beer, whiskey, etc.
- **RESIDUAL ODOR** : any one of the above previously present
- **EXPLOSIVES** : ammunition, pyrotechnics, weapons

The dog being used is friendly and non- aggressive, but we ask that students preclude from trying to pet the dog. During random campus visits, the dogs will sniff the air around classrooms, student belongings, storage areas, restrooms and cars parked on school grounds for potential contraband items. When a classroom is checked, students will be asked to leave the room while leaving their belongings behind. With an administrator or teacher present, the canine team will sniff the interior of the room including the air around student belongings. This includes backpacks, purses etc.

Students will be notified by PA or TV announcements of this service. However, there will be no announcement during the actual date of the visit by the dog(s).

If you are concerned that your child may have a drug and/or alcohol problem, several community resources are available to assist you. Please contact these agencies directly for more information.

Recovery Programs:

McAlister South Bay
Teen Recovery Center
2429 Fenton Street
Chula Vista, CA 91914
Tel: (619) 482-9300
Cost: Sliding Scale

Open Door Resource Center
480 Palomar Street
Chula Vista, CA 91911
Tel: (619) 407-4846
Cost: Sliding Scale

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SUHSD Board Policy 0410.