

Contraband Detection Protocols

To establish and secure a safe environment at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School, we partner with Interquest Detection Canines, whose dogs are trained to detect a wide variety of contraband substances including but not limited to alcohol, marijuana, nicotine and vaping devices. Interquest is the nation's oldest and largest contraband detection and drug dog service provider and has established over forty years of excellence.

When detection canines identify students or their belongings such as their backpacks as being in possession of contraband or having been in contact with contraband, such incidents pose not only safety concerns, but egregious disruptions to the planned activities of the school day. If your child or your child's belongings are repeatedly identified as having been in contact with contraband or illegal substances, your child will face suspension according to the following California Education Code:

48900 (k) (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.

Identifications, particularly repeated identifications are a disruption to the school day and signal the need for inappropriate choices to be redirected. We aim to help students understand the impact of their choices, including the people with whom they choose to associate.

One of our central priorities is to keep our students and our school safe. We want to you to be informed of our contraband detection process and of the potential consequences regarding the positive identification of contraband.