



# El Portal Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Escalon Unified School District has an ongoing agreement with Interquest Detection Canines, Inc., to provide trained detection canines to conduct random, unannounced inspections of all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade campus locations in the district.

These canines are trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, and gunpowder-based items. Campus buildings, parking lots, and grounds will be randomly inspected for prohibited items. If items are detected and found, the district will initiate the appropriate guardian contact and disciplinary action.

These canines are non-aggressive retrieving breeds such as golden and labrador retrievers. They are trained to discriminate specific "scents" of contraband items and indicate the area where the scent is detected. Interquest provides service to over 1,200 public school districts across the nation.

With the recent publicity concerning the dramatic increase in teenage drug use, El Portal Middle School is taking every reasonable precaution to insure a safe and healthy learning environment and have asked Interquest Detection Canines to inspect the El Portal campus in addition to the district high school campuses.

Should you have any questions concerning the canine inspections, please feel free to contact us at El Portal.

Respectfully,

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