

Policy Title:

Search and Seizure

Code No. ***502.6***

School district property is held in public trust by the board. School district authorities may, without a search warrant, search students, student lockers, personal effects, desks, work areas, or student vehicles or protected student areas based on a reasonable and articulable suspicion that a school district policy, rule, regulation or law has been or is being violated. The search shall be in a manner reasonable in scope to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students, employees and visitors to the school district facilities. The furnishing of a locker, desk or other facility or space owned by the school and provided as a courtesy to a student, even if the student provides the lock for it, will not create a protected student area and will not give rise to an expectation of privacy with respect to the locker, desk, or other facility.

To ensure students are properly maintaining their assigned lockers, the principal of the building may periodically inspect all or a random selection of lockers. Either students or another individual will be present during the inspection of lockers. Student lockers may also be searched at any time without advanced notice.

School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search. Such items are not to be possessed by a student while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned, operated, and/or sponsored school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. Possession of such items will be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension, exclusion, or expulsion and may be reported to local law enforcement officials. The board believes that illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials may cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the principals, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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