

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

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1. Desks, lockers, textbooks, and other materials or supplies loaned by the school to students remain the property of the school, and may be opened by school employees for cleaning, maintenance, or emergencies. When prohibited items are found in the course of routine cleaning or maintenance, or in the case of emergency, they will be confiscated, and a report will be made to the Building Administrator who will determine whether further investigation is warranted.
2. School property may also be searched by school employees upon reasonable suspicion on the part of the Building Administrator, Assistant Building Administrator, or Superintendent that a law or school policy is being violated.
3. Searches of students' persons, vehicles, or belongings will be conducted if there is reasonable cause to believe that a breach of school policy or law is being committed. Search of a student's person will be conducted by a school employee of the same sex, and, whenever possible, in the presence of another school employee.
4. School employees are not the agents of law enforcement officials. Search and/or seizure by law enforcement officials on school property may occur when a warrant or other legal basis exists authorizing such search and/or seizure, and when in compliance with the requirements of the board's policy on interrogations by law enforcement officers.
5. Pertinent information from this policy will be included in the student and/or parent handbook.

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Legal Reference(s):

Cross Reference: Interrogations or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement Officers

or Other Non-School Personnel (F5)
Student Conduct and Discipline (F1)