

Students

Search and Seizure Administrative Regulations

1. Search of a Student and His/Her Effects
 - A. All searches of students shall be conducted or directed by an authorized school administrator, i.e., the principal or vice principal, in the presence of a witness.
 - B. A search of a student's handbag, gym bag or similar personal property carried by a student may be conducted if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will produce evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. A student's other effects are also subject to the same rule. Effects may include motor vehicles located on school property.
 - C. A search of a student's person may be conducted only if there are reasonable grounds at the inception of the search for suspecting that the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. Moreover, the scope of the search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and shall not be excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Both metal detectors and breathalyzers may be used to conduct searches to the extent authorized by Board policy.
 - D. Strip searches are prohibited except when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that such a search will produce evidence of conduct which places students, staff or school property in immediate danger. Such searches may be conducted at the request of the school principal, generally by a member of the police department. During such searches, a member of the school staff shall be present at all times as a witness, and both the police officer conducting the search and the witness shall be of the same sex as the student searched.
 - E. Any evidence of illegal conduct or conduct in violation of the rules of the school produced as a result of searches according to these regulations shall be subject to seizure. When required by law and otherwise at the option of the building principal, such evidence shall be submitted to the police department for proper disposition. Evidence not submitted to the Police Department shall be disposed of as directed by the building principal.

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2. Search of a Locker, Desk and Other Storage Area
 - A. The Board of Education provides lockers, desks, gym baskets and other storage areas in which pupils may keep and store personal belongings and materials provided by the Board of Education. Such storage areas are the property of the Board of Education.
 - B. No pupil shall keep or store belongings or materials provided by the Board of Education in any storage area other than one provided by the Board of Education and designated for his/her use by the school administration.

Each pupil shall be responsible for maintaining any storage assigned to him/her for his/her use in an orderly and sanitary