

**SEARCHES OF STUDENTS, STUDENTS PROPERTY AND SCHOOL OWNED PROPERTY**

The Principal or Assistant Principal as Authorized Personnel may detain and search any student or students on the premises of the school, or while attending, or while in transit to, any event or function sponsored or authorized by the school, under the following conditions:

School staff have reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will turn up evidence that the student is violating or has violated either the law or school rules.

The extent of the search of a student’s person or property and the measures used in conducting the search must be reasonably related to the objects of the search, and must not go beyond what is warranted by the nature of the suspected violation.

School lockers, desks, storage areas, and compartments are the property of the school, not the student. The users of lockers, desks and other storage areas or compartments have no reasonable expectation of privacy as to the contents of those areas. Lockers, desks and other storage areas or compartments may be subjected to searches at any time without student consent and without reasonable suspicion. Students are not to use any school area or property to store anything that should not be at school. Students shall not exchange lockers or desks or use any lockers or desks other than those assigned to them by the Principal.

Authorized personnel may search a student whenever the student consents to such a search. However, consent obtained through threats or coercion is not considered to be freely and voluntarily given.

Authorized personnel conducting a search shall have authority to detain the student or students and to preserve any contraband seized.

Any searches of students as outlined herein will be conducted by the authorized person who is the same sex as the person being searched and with at least one other staff member present.

Strip searches are forbidden. No clothing except cold weather outer garments will be removed before or during a search.

Recognizing the danger that contraband poses to society and students in particular, the School District reserves the right to conduct unannounced random searches at any time with the assistance of qualified law enforcement officers and trained canines. Qualified law enforcement officers and trained canines may be used periodically upon request of the Superintendent and the Principal to sniff lockers, common areas, vacated classrooms, parking lots, school grounds and student belongings. Qualified law enforcement officers will be directed not to have the canines sniff students or any other person.

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If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating school rules or the law, that evidence may be seized by school officials, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, that evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

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