

QUESTIONING AND SEARCHES OF STUDENTS

The School Board seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in the schools. School Administrators (hereinafter designated for the purposes of this policy as the Superintendent of Schools , School Leader, Guidance Counselor and the Athletic Director] are authorized to question and/or search students in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedures.

Students may not bring, possess, or store at school any items or substances which are prohibited by law, Board policies, and/or school rules, or which interfere with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

Student use of all school storage facilities including but not limited to lockers, desks, and parking lots, is a privilege granted by the school. All storage facilities are school property and remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school. Students have no expectation of privacy in school storage facilities or for any items placed in such storage facilities. School administrators have the authority to inspect and search storage facilities and their contents on a random basis, with or without reasonable suspicion, and without notice or consent.

If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating the law, Board policies, and/or school rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school administrators and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence may be forwarded to law enforcement authorities as required by law or as deemed appropriate by school administrators.

School staff, students, and parents shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by school administrators.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement with input from legal counsel, administrators, staff, and others, as appropriate, any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy. Such administrative procedures shall be subject to Board approval.

Cross Reference: JIH-R - Questioning and Searches of Students - Administrative Procedure
 JICIA - Weapons, Violence, and School Safety
 JK - Student Discipline
 KLG - Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
 MSAD#8 Student Parent Handbook

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