



Search of a Student and Search and Seizure of Student Property

School must be safe and secure teaching and learning environments. The Board directs staff members to take every appropriate and legal measure to ensure the maintenance of a positive, safe and secure school environment. Consequently, authorized staff members may at times be required to search for illegal or inappropriate materials to maintain this environment. When this occurs, staff members shall ensure that the procedures used are reasonable, appropriate, legal and consistent with this policy and its procedure.

Reasonable grounds for searches are outlined in the attached procedure. When assessing the reasonableness of a search, the Board recognizes the importance of the schools objectives related to school safety as well as the existence and importance of student privacy. The Board endeavours to ensure the rights of students are protected.

An outline of the legal rights of students, as it relates to possible search and seizure of student property, is attached. When school authorities deem a search of student property is required, staff members will ensure that the rights of students are respected. Students must be aware that student desks and lockers are school property and school authorities may make reasonable procedures regarding their use. Students also must be aware that dormitory rooms are also School property.

Responsibilities of staff members, procedures related to search and seizure of student property, and an outline of student rights are included in the procedures attached to this policy.

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