

Search and Seizure**I. PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Students should not bring to school items or substances which would disrupt the educational function of the school or which are prohibited by school board regulations or by law. Examples of items or substances in this category are weapons, explosives, firecrackers, alcoholic beverages, nonprescription drugs, and drug paraphernalia. Students who have a legitimate need to bring prescription drugs to school must register this information in the nurse's office. (cf. - JHCD - Administration of Medication)

II. LOCKERS AND OTHER SCHOOL PROPERTY

A Locker Assignments: The school principal or the principal's designee shall maintain an accurate list of all locker assignments and either a master key or combinations to all lockers.

B. Notification of Students: Students will be informed annually of the following:

1. Desks and lockers may be inspected if the administration has reason to believe that a student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school and that the student's desk or locker may contain weapons, contraband material, or evidence of the commission of a crime.
2. Students are responsible for the contents of the locker assigned to them.
3. Students are to keep their lockers locked.
4. Students are not to give other students access to their lockers.

III. PROPERTY SEARCHES

A. Search of Personal Property: A search of a student's handbag, gym bag or similar personal property carried by the student may be conducted if there are "reasonable grounds" for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school.

B. Locker Searches: Locker searches shall be conducted in the presence of another staff member and in the presence of the student responsible for the contents of the locker, if possible.

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IV. STUDENT SEARCHES

- A. Authorization:** All searches of students shall be authorized by the principal or the principal's designee and shall be conducted in the presence of an adult witness.
- B. Search of Pockets:** The student may be asked to empty his/her pockets. If the student refuses, the principal (or designee) may bring insubordination charges against the student and/or call the police.
- C. Frisk or Patdown Searches:** Searches may include a frisk or patdown of student clothing, if school authorities think it necessary. Frisk or patdown searches shall be conducted by a staff member of the same sex as the student and in the presence of another staff member.
- D. Removal of Clothing:** At no time should school officials conduct a search which requires a student to remove more clothing than shoes, socks, hats, jackets, or other garments worn over street clothes. If school authorities are convinced that a more intrusive search is required to expose contraband, they should advise the proper law enforcement agency. "Strip searches" of students are prohibited by employees of this school district.
- E. Scope of Search:** A search should be no more intrusive than necessary to discover that for which the search was instigated.

V. POLICE NOTIFICATION

In the event that a student search discloses evidence of criminal wrongdoing, the school principal or the principal's designee shall notify the police, and the student's parents should be advised of this fact as soon as possible.

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