STUDENTS

Searches and Seizures

It is the intent of the School Board to take all reasonable measures to keep schools safe; that is, to continue to provide an environment of safety—a place where teachers can teach and students can learn without disruption.

To ensure school safety, the courts have sought a balance between the constitutional rights of individual students and the need for safety and freedom from school violence and infringement on the rights of other students and staff.

The School Board has authorized the Superintendent of Schools to develop and maintain a regulation providing guidelines for the conduct of student searches, including random locker searches, consistent with relevant state and federal laws and constitutional principles. Students and their lockers, personal property, cell phones, electronic devices, or vehicles located on school property or at a school-sponsored activity are subject to reasonable searches as provided in Regulation 737-1, “Searches and Seizures.”

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this policy in 2020.


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