

SEARCH AND SEIZURE**INDIVIDUAL SEARCHES**

School officials may search individual students and their property when there is reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law or the rules of the district or the school. In determining whether reasonable suspicion exists, school officials shall consider the following:

1. The students age and previous behavior patterns.
2. The prevalence and seriousness in the school of the problem to which the search was directed.
3. The urgency requiring a search without delay.
4. The substantive value and reliability of the information used as a justification for the search.
5. The location of the student at the time of the incident which gave rise to reasonable suspicion.

Searches shall be made in the presence of at least one other district employee and/or law enforcement officer. Employees will not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches. The parent/guardian of the student subjected to an individualized search shall be notified by the district as soon after the search as possible.

STUDENT LOCKERS

For health and safety reasons, a general inspection of school properties such as lockers and desks may be conducted on a regular announced basis. Any items contained in a locker shall be considered to be the property of the student to whom the locker was assigned. Notice of this policy shall be given to all students when lockers are assigned.

USE OF TRAINED DOGS

The following guidelines shall apply when trained dogs are utilized to identify illegal substances.

1. The firm supplying the trained dogs shall be licensed and bonded to provide the services described in the Board policy.
2. Dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, bags, items or vehicles on district property or district sponsored events.
3. Dogs shall not be used in rooms occupied by persons except for demonstration purposes, with the handler present. When used for demonstration purposes, the dog may not sniff the person of any individual and shall be well separated from the audience.
4. Only the dogs official handler will determine what constitutes an alert by the dog. If the dog alerts on a particular item or place, the student having the use of the place or responsibility for it shall be called to witness the search.
5. If the dog alerts on a locked vehicle, the student who brought it onto district property shall be asked

- to unlock it for inspection.
6. Inspection shall be unannounced and may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.
 7. Any illegal substance identified as a result of a search shall be turned over to law enforcement and appropriate disciplinary steps are to be followed according to district policy.
 8. Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy at the beginning of each school year.