

## **Questioning and Searches of Students**

The School Board seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in the schools. School administrators may question and/or search students in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedure.

Students, their personal property, and their vehicles may be searched upon reasonable suspicion that they possess 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. The Superintendent may authorize a search without individualized suspicion in special circumstances after consultation, if practicable, with legal counsel.

In circumstances involving a credible threat of violence or other imminent safety concern, law enforcement personnel will be summoned and permitted to conduct searches and interviews as they deem necessary and lawful, which may include canine searches.

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.

A student who refuses to comply with a search directive may be subject to disciplinary action, including the disciplinary consequences for the suspected violation.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement, with input from legal counsel, administrators, and/or other appropriate persons, any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

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

Cross Reference:     JIH-R - Questioning and Searches of Students  
                          JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students  
                          JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
                          JK - Student Discipline  
                          KLG – School Resource Officer

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