

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
SEARCHES

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(REGULATION)

SEARCHES OF
STUDENTS –
REASONABLE
SUSPICION

A search of a student may occur only when the student is on District premises or while the student is attending a school-sponsored or school-related event, either on or off school property.

The following rules will apply when the Superintendent, a principal, or other authorized personnel detain and search a student:

1. Authorized personnel may search a student whenever the student consents to such a search; however, consent will not be obtained through threats or coercion.
2. In the absence of consent, a search may occur when an authorized person has reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of:
 - a. Alcohol;
 - b. A prohibited weapon;
 - c. Controlled substances or illegal drugs as defined by law;
 - d. Stolen property, if the property in question is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school or school activities;
 - e. Any other item that has been or may reasonably be expected to be disruptive of school operations; or
 - f. Any other item for which possession by a student is listed as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
3. If the search yields contraband, authorized personnel have the authority to detain the student and to preserve any contraband seized.
4. Any search of a student will be conducted by an authorized person who is of the same sex as the student and will be witnessed by at least one other authorized person who is of the same sex as the student.
5. Strip searches are prohibited. No clothing, except cold weather outer garments, will be removed before or during a search.

DISCIPLINARY
ACTION

Any student found to be in possession of an item prohibited in the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.