

StudentsSearch and Seizures

The District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance and retention. When it is determined based on searches that a person has violated a Board policy, administrative regulation, building rule, student conduct rule or personnel expectation, or the law, the person shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and a report to law enforcement may be made.

Student lockers, desks and other such property are owned by the school. The school exercises exclusive control over school property. Students should not expect privacy regarding items placed in or on school property because school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. Periodic, random searches of student lockers may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.

The following procedures will be used for conducting searches:

1. School officials may conduct a search if there is a reasonable basis to believe that the search will uncover evidence of a crime or rule violation. The search must be conducted in a reasonable manner under the circumstances. Random searches of student lockers, desks, and other similar school property provided for use by students may be conducted in the discretion of the administration.
2. School officials may search offices and storage devices provided to or used by employees where permitted by law, such as where reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that a search will turn up evidence that the employee has committed work-related misconduct, or that a search is necessary for a noninvestigatory work-related purpose, such as to retrieve a file.
3. Searches of the District's computer system may be conducted in the discretion of the administration at any time.

The following procedures will be used for the removal of personal property:

1. Illegal items or other items reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety of others or a threat to educational purposes may be seized by school officials. Any illegal drugs, firearm or dangerous weapon shall be confiscated and delivered to law enforcement as soon as practicable.
2. Items which have been or are reasonably expected to be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be removed from student possession.

The District is not responsible for the security or safety of personal property which employees, students, or other building users may bring to school.

Legal Reference:   Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-1204.04 (firearms)  
                          State Records Administrator Guidelines:  
                              Schedule 10: Records of Local School Districts (Feb. 1989)  
                              Schedule 24: Local Agencies General Records (March 2005)  
                              Electronic Imaging Guidelines (March 2003)

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