

Interrogations and Searches**

Searches

The Board seeks to assure a climate in the schools that is appropriate for institutions of learning and which assures the safety and welfare of personnel and students. To assist the Board in attaining these goals, school officials may search the person and the personal property, including that property or facility provided by the school, and seize any property deemed injurious or detrimental to the safety and welfare of students and personnel if school officials have reason to believe that an illegal act or a violation of school rules and regulations is being committed or is about to be committed.

The superintendent will develop procedures for implementation of this policy in a manner assuring that the rights of the individual are balanced with the larger needs of the school, following these basic procedures:

1. A search of a student's person may be conducted where there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the particular student is concealing evidence of an illegal act or school violation;
2. Illegal items (firearms, weapons, narcotics, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by district officials and turned over to the proper authorities;
3. An alert dog may be utilized to provide reasonable suspicion for school officials to search lockers and/or vehicles or a backpack.
4. Items that may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from the student's possession;
5. General search of district properties including but not limited to lockers or desks may occur at any time and items belonging to the district or which are unlawful may be seized. Students will be notified that searches of district property have occurred and will be notified of any items seized;
6. At the time district equipment is assigned to students for their use, students will be informed of conditions for the use of such equipment and of the intent of district personnel to conduct routine searches.

Interrogations

When law enforcement or a recognized law enforcement agency (i.e. juvenile, fire marshal, etc.) is called or law enforcement arrives on campus to question a student(s) the staff is to cooperate with law enforcement. Parents or guardians will be called by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee if the investigating officer approves of the call.

If custody and/or arrest is made, law enforcement is to contact the parent/guardian and the staff is not to talk to parents or other concerned individuals that are not an agent of the court.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

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New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).