

# InterMountain Education Service District

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## Student Searches\*\*

The Board seeks to ensure a learning environment that protects the health, safety and welfare of students and staff. To assist the Board in attaining that goal, ESD officials may, subject to the requirements below, search a student's person and property, including property assigned by the ESD for a student's use. Such searches may be conducted at any time on ESD property or when a student is under the jurisdiction of the ESD at ESD-sponsored activities.

All student searches conducted by the ESD shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. The ESD official shall have individualized, "reasonable suspicion" based upon specific and articulated facts to believe that the student personally poses or is in possession of some item that poses an immediate risk or serious harm to the student, school officials and/or others at the school;
2. The search shall be "reasonable in scope." That is, the measures used are reasonably related to the objectives of the search, the unique features of the official's responsibilities and the area(s) which could contain the item(s) sought and not excessively intrusive in light of the age, sex, maturity of the student and nature of the infraction.

Routine inspections of ESD property assigned to students may be conducted at any time.

ESD officials may seize any item which is evidence of a violation of law, board policy, administrative regulation or rule, or which the possession or use of is prohibited by such law, policy, regulation or rule.

Students may be searched by law enforcement officials on ESD property or when the student is under the jurisdiction of the ESD. Law enforcement searches ordinarily shall be based upon a warrant. ESD officials will attempt to notify the student's parent(s) in advance an ESD official will be present for all such searches, whenever possible.

The superintendent shall develop an administrative regulation for implementing this policy in a manner that protects students' rights and provides a safe learning environment without unreasonable interference. Provisions for staff, student and parent notice of the board's policy and accompanying regulation shall be included.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

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

State ex. rel. Juv. Dept. v. M.A.D., 233 P3d. 437, 348 Or. 381 (2010).

State v. B.A.H., 263 P3d. 1046, 245 Or. App. 203 (2011).

State v. A.J.C., 326 P3d. 1195, 355 Or. 552 (2014).