

Student Searches

The Board seeks to assure a climate in the schools which 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, subject to the requirements below, search the student's person and property, including the facility or property provided by the school. School officials may seize any property deemed injurious or detrimental to the safety and welfare of students and personnel if school officials have reason to believe an illegal act or a violation of school rules and regulations is being committed or is about to be committed. Such searches may be conducted at any time on district property or when the student is under the jurisdiction of the district at school-sponsored activities.

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

1. A search of a student's person may be conducted when there is "reasonable suspicion" to believe the particular student is concealing evidence of an illegal act, or is in violation of Board policy, administrative regulations or school rule;
2. The search shall be "reasonable in scope." That is, the measures used are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age, sex, maturity of the student and nature of the infraction.

General search of school properties including, but not limited to, lockers or desks may occur at any time. District officials may seize any item which is evidence of a violation of law, board policy, administrative regulation or school rule, or which the possession or use of is prohibited by such law, policy, regulation or rule.

Use of drug-detection dogs and metal detectors, or similar detection devices may be used only on the express authorization of the Superintendent.

At the time school 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 school personnel to conduct routine searches.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

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