

Newberg School District 29J

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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 these goals, district administrators or designees may, subject to the requirements below, search a student's person and property, including property assigned by the district for the student's use. 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.

All searches conducted by the district for evidence of a violation shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. The district administrator or designee shall have individualized, "reasonable suspicion" to believe evidence of a violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rule is present in a particular place.
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 and maturity of the student and nature of the infraction.

District administrators or designees may also search when they have reasonable information that emergency/dangerous circumstances exist.

Routine inspection of district property assigned to students may be conducted at any time.

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

District administrators or designees 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.

Students may also be searched by law enforcement officials on district property or when the student is under the jurisdiction of the district upon the request of law enforcement official or upon the request of a district administrator or designee.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy in a manner that protects students' rights and provides a safe learning environment without unreasonable interference.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

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

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