

# BOARD POLICY

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## **STUDENTS INVESTIGATIONS AND SEARCHES OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS, LOCKERS, AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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Administrators and other school officials shall have the right to detain, question, and search students and their personal belongings based upon reasonable suspicion that a prohibited or illegal act has occurred.

All lockers are school property of which students must have no expectation of privacy. Locker searches may be conducted at any time and may include sniffer dogs. Students are solely responsible for the contents of their lockers and are not to share their lockers or divulge their locker combinations to other students. Students are prohibited from placing locks on any locker without the advanced approval of school administration.

Administrators and other school officials may conduct a search based upon reasonable suspicion, of any vehicle driven onto school property by a student, regardless of actual vehicle ownership.

In the course of a search conducted pursuant to this policy, the privacy rights of the student shall be respected regarding any items that are not illegal or against school rules. Illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons and other dangerous instruments, unauthorized items, items in violation of Board policy or school/district rules, and other items reasonably determined to be a potential threat to the safety or security of others, which are found during a search shall be seized by school personnel and may be used as evidence in a suspension or disciplinary hearing, and in addition, these items may be turned over to the proper legal authority.

LEGAL REF.: In re Gault, 87 S. Ct. 1428 (1967); Tinker v. Des Moines, 393 U.S. 503, 506 (1969); Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1, 9 (1968); Jones v. Latexo School District, 499 F. Supp. 223 (D.C. Tex. 1980); MCL 380.1306, and New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 US 325, (1985)