

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy 446.1

Student Locker Searches

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A student locker is provided by the school for the convenience of the student, to be used solely and exclusively for the storage of outer garments, footwear, and school-related materials. No student shall use the locker for any other purpose.

~~The locker assigned to a student is not the student's property or under his/her exclusive possession. The school board retains ownership and possessory control of all student lockers and if determined necessary or appropriate without the consent of the student, notification of student or obtaining a search warrant, conduct searches by a principal at any time.~~

The locker assigned to a student is the property of the School District. At no time does the District relinquish its exclusive control of such lockers. A locker may be searched as determined necessary or appropriate without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. The search may be conducted by the District Administrator, a building principal, a school liaison officer or other law enforcement officer at the request of school officials, a school employee designated by the district administrator.

Any unauthorized item found in the locker will be removed.

The student is to use only the specific locker that they have been assigned.

Guidelines:

1. Items removed from the locker may be held by the school for return to the adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, without liability to the school for safekeeping.
 - a. The adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, shall be notified by the principal of items removed from the locker.
 - b. The adult student, or a parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, shall be informed of his/her right to obtain items that may have been removed from the locker.
 - c. Disciplinary action may be enforced as prescribed by the Student Handbook and board policy.
2. If the principal suspects that possession or storage of the unauthorized item found in the locker involves a violation of the law, the suspect material removed from the locker shall be turned over to law enforcement officials.
 - a. The adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, shall be notified by the inspecting principal of items removed from the locker and of the delivery thereof to law enforcement officials.
 - b. The adult student, or the parent(s) or guardian of a minor student, shall be informed of his/her right to obtain any other items that may have been removed from the locker.