

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School district property is held in public trust by the board. School district authorities may, without a search warrant, search a student, student lockers, desks, work areas or student vehicles based on a reasonable suspicion. The search shall be in a manner reasonable in scope to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students and employees.

School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search. Items of contraband may include but are not limited to nonprescription controlled substances, such as marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, barbiturates, apparatus used for the administration of controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, weapons, explosives, poisons and stolen property. Such items are not to be possessed by a student anywhere on school district property. The board prohibits the use of tobacco and prohibits the possession, use, or being under the influence of beer or alcohol, other controlled substances, or "look alike" substances that appear to be tobacco, beer or alcohol or controlled substances by students on school district property or at activities sponsored by the school district, on or off school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district. Possession of such items will be grounds for disciplinary action and may be grounds for reporting to local law enforcement authorities.

The board believes that such illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials generally cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: U.S. Canst. Amend. IV.
 New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).
 Cason v. Cook, 810 F.2d 188 (8th Cir. 1987) cert.den., 482 U.S. (1988).
 Iowa Code chap. 808A (1991).
 281 I.A.C. 12.3(8).

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
 503 Student Discipline

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