

## Policy Information

### Series 6000 - Students

#### Student Searches

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## POLICY

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Students

### SUBJECT: STUDENT SEARCHES

A search of the student and/or the student's personal property may be conducted when there is a reasonable belief that a violation of school rules or the law has occurred. In each individual case, school personnel will consider all of the facts and circumstances which indicate that a search is likely to uncover evidence that the student has violated or is violating school rules or the law, including personal observations of the student's actions giving rise to the suspicion, the statements of the student and others, and the nature of the rule or law being violated.

The search of a student's person or his or her personal property (purse, car, etc.) will usually be conducted by an administrator. However, a teacher or bus driver may conduct a search if the circumstances warrant immediate action. Such search will be conducted in the presence of another school official whenever possible. The scope of the search must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search. Consideration should be given to the age and sex of the student, and the nature of the infraction.

Similar considerations should be applied by teachers and administrators before engaging in or authorizing the search of a student's desk or locker. However, lockers, desks and like areas are the property of the District and may be searched without all of the detailed consideration applicable to personal searches.

The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that in order to maintain discipline and safety in the classroom, on buses and on school grounds, students and their property, as well as desks and lockers and other school property used by students, may be subject to searches by school personnel.

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