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Procedures for Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Motor Vehicles

All searches of lockers, desks or automobiles shall be conducted by the principal or assistant principal and at least one additional staff person shall be present. An inventory of all items found in the locker, desk or automobile shall be made and any items removed shall be separately identified and placed in a secured facility. If the student is present at the search, the student shall be requested to sign or initial the inventory. If the student is not present, notice of the search and a copy of the inventory record shall be provided to the student within twenty-four (24) hours.

A. Lockers and Desks

Searches of lockers and desks may be conducted at any time with or without the consent of the student. Locking devices of any kind may be removed without prior notice to the student if necessary to facilitate such search. School officials may give consent to law enforcement officials to search lockers and desks and a search warrant is not required prior to such search.

B. Motor Vehicles

Reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal items or items that may be harmful to the student or others may be found in a student's motor vehicle must exist before a search of a student's motor vehicle is undertaken. In addition, viewing such items in plain sight in a student's motor vehicle may also form the basis for a search of the motor vehicle.

Blanket searches and use of dogs to sniff search student motor vehicles is prohibited unless there is a reasonable suspicion that illegal or harmful items are contained therein. School officials are prohibited from searching student motor vehicles at the request of law enforcement officials in the absence of a search warrant unless the principal or assistant principal has formed an independent reasonable suspicion that illegal or harmful items are contained therein.

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