

## STUDENTS

**Policy Title: Search and Seizure**

**Code No. 502.8**

All school property is held in public trust by the Board of directors. School authorities may, without a search warrant, search a student, student lockers, desks, work areas or student automobiles under the circumstances as outlined in the following regulations to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search.

It is recognized that such illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials generally cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat and safety of students, employees, or visitors on the school premises. 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 the school premises.

To ensure students are properly maintaining their assigned lockers, the principal of the building may periodically inspect all or a random selection of lockers. Either students or another individual will be present during the inspection of lockers. Student lockers may also be searched, at any time and without advance notice, in compliance with board policy regulating search and seizure.

All non-maintenance searches must be based on a reasonable suspicion and be reasonable in scope.

Legal Ref: New Jersey v. T.L.O., U.S. 53 L.W. 4083 (1985) Iowa Code  
Section 808 A-1 as amended by Senate File 477, 1986

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