

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

The District has responsibility for the control and management of students during the school day and hours of approved extracurricular activities. While discharging its responsibility, the administration is to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. The administration has developed regulations to be followed in the case of searches and interrogations.

The right to inspect students' school lockers or articles carried upon their persons and to interrogate an individual student is inherent in the authority granted school boards. Searches are conducted sparingly and only when such search is reasonably likely to produce tangible results, preserving discipline and good order and the safety and security of persons and their property within the area of the school's responsibility.

It is the policy of the Board to permit the principal or designated building administrator to search any locker and its contents that the principal or designated administrator reasonably suspects contains evidence of a student's violation of school law or the law.

The Board directs the Chief Executive Officer to authorize the use of dogs trained in detecting the presence of drugs. The dogs may be used to patrol the school facilities and grounds, including the lockers and parking areas. Use of dogs may be unannounced and random. If a trained canine alerts to a particular vehicle, locker or other container, it shall create reasonable suspicion to search that vehicle, locker or container in accordance with this policy. Dogs should not, however, be used to search persons.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

U.S. Const. Amend. IV
ORC 3313.20

NOTE: THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY