

Regulation 502.08-R(1): Search and Seizure

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General lockers and desk inspections without prior notice may be conducted periodically throughout the school year and when conducted, the students will be present for the inspection.

Lockers or protected student areas may be checked without a student being present based on a reasonable and articulated suspicion that a District policy, rule, regulation or law has been violated. Whenever this occurs, two adults will be present for the inspection.

On any inspection, any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search will be seized. If any illegal substance is found, the student will be detained and the police and the parents will be called. This may also result in the search of a person, as outlined below.

For Drug Dog searches, an announcement will be made that all students will be required to stay in class and no one will be allowed to leave while the search is conducted. It is suggested to use this time to practice lock down procedures. All students would be required to stay in class and supervised during the time of the search. If it is imperative that if someone needs to leave the room, the teacher will contact the office and a staff member will escort them to a designated room. It is best to have the entire search completed within a class period.

A search by two adult staff members will be conducted on any locker in which the dogs 'hit' plus the lockers on both sides. This would occur during the time the students are in the classroom, therefore, it will not be evident or known to the faculty or the other students whose locker is being searched.

The student(s) assigned to these lockers will be escorted to the office to do a further search of their bags/possessions and person, at the principal's discretion.

A person search consists of having the student empty his/her pockets, taking off shoes, lifting the pant leg to observe if anything is in the socks and lift up the bottom of the shirt above the waistband to observe if there are items tucked into the waistband. If any illegal substance is found, the student will be detained and the police and the parents will be called.

In all cases, when the locker has been searched due to reasonable suspicion, students and their parents are informed.

The drug dog will not be used to search classrooms nor individuals. In general, the drug dog will not be used to search the parking lot, but this can be granted with permission from the superintendent.
