

P6-04-003 Search and Seizure

School authorities reserve the right to conduct random searches of lockers, desks, computers, computer hardware and software, and other property, as well as individuals and their belongings. This action will be taken to protect the safety and security of the school environment. School authorities may also conduct a search when there is reasonable suspicion for believing that items will be found that violate the law or school policy, rules and regulations. The search should be reasonable in scope, duration, and intensity in relation to the item being sought. Students shall be held responsible for all items in their lockers and vehicles. The locations at which searches of students and student property may be conducted are not limited to the school building or school property, but may be conducted wherever the student is involved in a school-sponsored activity. If articles violate school policy, rule, regulation, or the law, they will be taken by an administrator. Illegal articles will be turned over to a **law enforcement officials**.~~police officer.~~

1. Automobiles - Parking on school grounds is a privilege. All personal vehicles parked on school property may be searched as a part of a random search or with reasonable suspicion. Parking on school property shall be deemed a consent to such search.

2. Canines - In an effort to maintain a safe environment, police dogs will be brought onto school property to inspect **classrooms, students,** lockers, desks, backpacks, instrument cases, hand bags, vehicles, and anything else deemed appropriate by school personnel.

3. Metal Detectors - School officials may conduct random metal detector searches at any regular or extracurricular school activity. School authorities may also use metal detectors for searches when there is reasonable suspicion that the search will disclose the possession of items which violate law or school policy, rules, and regulations. A uniform procedure described in School Board regulation will be used for all metal detector searches. Refer to Regulation **6-04-003**, "Procedures for Searches Using Metal Detectors."

4. Surveillance Cameras - Surveillance cameras may be used in buses, in school facilities, and around school grounds in order to monitor and maintain order, discipline, and school safety. Any person entering a School Board property, school function, or riding a school bus is subject to being videotaped.

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Refer to Regulation **6-04-003**, "Procedures for Conducting Searches"

Refer to Policy and Regulation **9-16-013**, "Use of Video Surveillance Systems/Equipment"