

STUDENT SEARCHES

The School Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that discipline is maintained in the schools and that a safe, orderly environment conducive to the educational process is preserved. Therefore, school officials may conduct reasonable searches of students when, in their judgment, there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the policies or regulations of the school. The search must be reasonably related in scope to the circumstances, which precipitated the search and must not be excessively intrusive in light of the age and gender of the student and the nature of the alleged infraction.

The Board authorizes school officials to inspect a student's locker, desk or living quarters when school officials have reason to believe that the locker, desk, or living quarters is improperly used for the storage of any substance or item which is in violation of the law or policies or regulations of the school. When deemed necessary for the general safety and welfare of the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, searches of all lockers, desks, living quarters, or random searches, may be conducted by school officials.

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