

JIH - SEARCHES

The District prioritizes the health, safety and welfare of students, staff, and members of the community. When appropriate to ensure the safety and welfare of students, staff, and members of the community, school administrators or designees may search a student, a student's personal effects, student lockers, desks or other student storage areas, or automobiles under the circumstances outlined below and may immediately take possession of any illegal or unauthorized materials discovered in the search. A search may be conducted off school grounds at a District curricular or non-curricular activity or event.

As used in this policy, the term "unauthorized" means any item dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of students or school personnel; disruptive of any lawful function, mission or process of the school; or any item described as unauthorized in then-current school rules or District policies.

A student's failure to permit lawful searches and seizures as provided in this policy will be considered grounds for disciplinary action.

For the purposes of this policy, "reasonable suspicion" is based on facts provided by a reliable third party or personal observations which cause the employee to believe there is a moderate chance of finding that a student possesses evidence of a violation of District policy, school rule, state or federal laws, fpot

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