

Questioning and Searches of Students

The M.S.A.D. #3 Board of Directors seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in the schools. School administrators authorized by the Superintendent may question and/or search students in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedure.

Students may be searched upon reasonable suspicion that they possess any items or substances which are prohibited by law, Board policies and/or school rules, or which interfere with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school and students.

When circumstances exist, including but not limited to a suspected ongoing violation of the Board's drug/alcohol or weapons policies, or when a potential threat to safety is identified, school administrators may search groups of students or the entire student body without individualized suspicion.

Student use of all school storage facilities, including but not limited to lockers, desks, school buses and parking lots, is a privilege granted by the school. All storage facilities are school property and remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school. Students should have no expectation of privacy in school storage facilities or for any items placed in such storage facilities. School administrators have the authority to inspect and search storage facilities and their content on a random basis, with or without reasonable suspicion, and without notice or consent.

If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating the law, Board policies and/or school rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school administrators and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence may be forwarded to law enforcement authorities as required by law or as deemed appropriate by school administrators.

If a student refuses to comply with a search directive their parent/guardian will be contacted to authorize a search. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted the student will be informed they are subject to disciplinary action for refusing to comply.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement, with input from legal counsel, administrators, and/or other appropriate persons, any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

Cross Reference: ADC Tobacco Use and Possession
 ADC Regulation Tobacco Use and Possession
 EBCC Bomb Threats
 JIC System-wide Student Code of Conduct
 JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
 JICIA Weapons, Violence and School Safety
 JIH Regulation Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative
 Procedure
 JK Student Discipline
 KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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Administrative Procedure

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