



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

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SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS

The student lockers and desks are property of Meade School District, and the District reserves the right to inspect said lockers and desks at any time.

The following rules apply to searches and interrogations:

Searches by Staff

1. The principal or his/her designee may open and inspect such property when deemed necessary to ensure the safety, health, or security of students, school personnel or school property. No search warrant shall be required.
2. Upon reasonable suspicion, the principal or his/her designee may search the person of a student or any vehicles which are parked on school property. The principal or designee may take into the school's possession materials or substances which are deemed to be illegal, dangerous, or otherwise prohibited by Board policy.
3. The principal or his/her designee may turn over to law enforcement any items which are illegal or dangerous, or evidence of a crime.

Searches by Police

Law enforcement officers must have reasonable suspicion or the student's consent to search school property assigned to the student. However, in certain emergency situations, such as a bomb threat, law enforcement officers shall be allowed to search lockers and desks where the safety of persons or property may be imminently threatened. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit law enforcement from using a drug or bomb detecting dog on school property.

Interrogations by Police

The School District has legal custody of students during the school day and during hours of approved extracurricular activities. It is the responsibility of the school administration to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. Therefore:

1. When law enforcement officials find it necessary to question students, the school principal or designee will be present. An effort will be made to contact the student's parent or guardian.
2. If custody and/or arrest is involved, the principal will request that all procedural safeguards, as prescribed by law, be observed by the law enforcement officials.

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