

*Searches*

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide the District administration with the broadest discretion to conduct searches permitted by law.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop an Administrative Regulation implementing this Policy which shall, at a minimum, (1) provide District administrators with broad discretion to conduct lawful searches; (2) ensure that students and their parents/guardians are notified at least annually of the contents of this Policy and the accompanying Administrative Regulation; and (3) ensure that, prior to a search, the student who is the subject of the search is notified and given an opportunity to be present, if required by law.

All building-wide or District-wide searches must be authorized by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

Whenever possible, the Superintendent will advise the Board prior to authorizing any building-wide or District-wide searches of a nature materially different than searches authorized previously.

**Legal References:**

22 Pa Code Section 12.14 (Searches)

Board Policy 8070 (Recording in Schools and on School Buses/Vehicles)

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