

## **STUDENT SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

The superintendent or, principal, teacher, or security personnel of any public school in the District, upon reasonable suspicion, shall have the authority to detain and search or authorize the search, of any pupil or property in the possession of the pupil when said pupil is on any school premises or while in transit under the authority of the school, or while attending any function sponsored or authorized by the school, for dangerous weapons or, controlled substances, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, intoxicating beverages, low-point beer, as defined by Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for missing or stolen property if said property be reasonably suspected to have been taken from a pupil, a school employee or the school during school activities. The search shall be conducted by a person of the same sex as the person being searched and shall be witnessed by at least one other authorized person, said person to be of the same sex if practicable.

The extent of any search conducted pursuant to this section shall be reasonably related to the objective of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. In no event shall a strip search of a student be allowed. No student's clothing, except cold weather outerwear, shall be removed prior to or during the conduct of any warrantless search.

The superintendent or, principal, teacher, or security personnel searching or authorizing the search shall have authority to detain the pupil to be searched and to preserve any dangerous weapons or, controlled dangerous substances, intoxicating beverages, low-point beer, or missing or stolen property that might be in their possession including the authority to authorize any other persons they deem necessary to restrain such pupil or to preserve any dangerous weapons or, controlled dangerous substances, intoxicating beverages, low-point beer, or missing or stolen property.

Pupils shall not have any reasonable expectation of privacy towards school administrators or teachers in the contents of a school locker, desk, or other school property. School personnel shall have access to school lockers, desks, and other school property in order to properly supervise the welfare of pupils. School lockers, desks, and other areas of school facilities may be opened and examined by school officials at any time and no reason shall be necessary for such search.

Illegal items or other possessions or substances reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by school authorities. These items will immediately be turned over to law enforcement officials for disposition as they see fit.

Items which are used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from student possession.

A student who refuses to peaceably submit to a search based on reasonable suspicion or who refuses to turn over items discovered as a result of a search may be suspended for such refusals.

The person conducting the search shall prepare a report to be maintained by the principal including the date, time, place, names of witnesses, purpose, basis, and result of the search.

Students who drive a vehicle onto school property do so as a privilege afforded them by the School District and not as a right. Accordingly, any student who drives a vehicle of any kind to school and parks such vehicle on school property is deemed to authorize a search of such vehicle by the school principal or his/her designee at any time and for any reason deemed appropriate by the school principal or the superintendent of schools. Any student who refuses to peaceably submit his/her vehicle to a search when requested to do so may be suspended for such refusal and may thereafter be denied the right to drive his/her vehicle on to school property.