SEARCHES OF PROPERTY OF INDIVIDUALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The administrator, or his/her designee, in charge of each school building or other district building shall have access at all times to all school district property, and equipment located therein. Students, employees of the school district, Board members or other persons authorized to use school district property or equipment should have no reasonable expectation of privacy in school district property or equipment used by them, including: vehicles, lockers, desks, tool boxes, and similar property. Such property and equipment is subject to periodic inventory and periodic inspection for maintenance and cleaning purposes and may be thoroughly searched should the administrator, or his/her designee, determine there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the intended search will turn up evidence that the student or the employee has violated or is violating the rules of the school, the policies and regulations of the Board of Education, or state or federal criminal laws. Similarly, students, staff or others may be subject to search on school property if the administrator, or his/her designee, determine there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the intended search will turn up evidence that the student or the employee has violated or is violating the rules of the school, the policies and regulations of the Board of Education, or state or federal criminal laws. Searches made at the request or direction of law enforcement agencies shall require a search warrant or a determination that probable cause and exigent circumstances exist for such a search.

Computers, network hardware (including servers) and software owned or leased by the school district are also subject to periodic inventory and inspection for maintenance, replacement, upgrades and/or cleaning purposes. However, they may be thoroughly searched only upon direction of the superintendent or his/her designee upon reasonable grounds that the intended search will reveal evidence that the student, employee, Board member or other person using the same has violated or is violating the rules of the school, the policies of the Board of Education, the regulations of the superintendent or state or federal law.

The superintendent shall develop regulations for the search of students, staff, or others on school property.

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