

## STUDENT SEARCH

Although student lockers are considered property of the School District of West Salem, the district expects students to assume full responsibility for the security of their lockers. School administrators or their designee for any reason may conduct periodic general inspections of lockers at any time without student consent and without a search warrant. Searches are authorized in the district for the purpose of maintaining order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel.

Locker searches are to be conducted by the building principal or designee and should be conducted with another staff member or police liaison officer present. Searches may also be conducted with the use of canines. School officials may seize any items that are dangerous or are illegal during the search. Reasonable searches among the personal belongings of the student contained within the locker may be conducted where there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the search will provide evidence that the student has violated or is violating the law or school policy. Any items that are seized during the search will be safeguarded until the appropriate authorities have made determination for disposition of the items. School officials will document the search. The adult student or the parent(s)/guardian of a minor student shall be notified of items removed.

An administrator or designee, accompanied by a staff member of the same sex of the student and/or the police liaison officer may conduct a search of a students' person, purse, duffel bag, similar articles, or automobiles if parked on school property if the search is based on reasonable suspicion, based on personal observation or reliable information from a third party, that the student has dangerous or illegal items or substances in his/her possession. Such a search may occur only if there is inadequate time based on the nature of the situation to contact the police. School authorities should remain sensitive so as not to invade the privacy of students any more than necessary to achieve the purpose of the search. School officials will document the results of the search. The adult student or the parent(s)/guardian of a minor student shall be notified of items removed.

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Strip searches are illegal and will not be condoned by the school district at any time. If the nature of the problem is so serious or severe that this type of search is to be considered, law enforcement agencies and parent(s)/guardian will be contacted immediately.

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