

## **Billings School District 2**

### **STUDENTS**

#### Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct

##### Searches and Seizure

The goal of search and seizure with respect to students is meeting the educational needs of children and ensuring their security. The objective of any search and/or seizure is not the eradication of crime in the community. Searches may be carried out to recover stolen property to detect illegal substances or weapons or to uncover any matter reasonably believed to be a threat to the maintenance of an orderly educational environment. The Board authorizes school authorities to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects, to maintain order and security in the schools

##### School Property and Equipment and Personal Effects of Students

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the District (such as lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by students, without notice or consent of a student.

The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials, including their use of specially trained dogs, to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or material.

##### Students

School authorities may search a student or a student's personal effects in a student's possession when reasonable grounds suggest a search will produce evidence that the particular student has violated or is violating a law or District student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objectives and not excessively intrusive in light of age and sex of a student and the nature of the suspected infraction.

Also, by parking in the school parking lots, the student consents to having the student's vehicle searched if the school authorities have any reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation of school policies, procedures, rules, and handbooks has occurred.

##### Seizure of Property

When a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating either a law or District policies, procedure, rules, and handbooks such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities and disciplinary action may be taken. As appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

Law Enforcement Agencies

The District will cooperate with known or identified legal representatives of the Billings Police Department, Sheriff's Office or Probation Office. When a law enforcement officer comes to a school and properly identifies himself and his purpose, the administration will cooperate with him by promptly making available those students requested for interview at school, or upon the production of an arrest warrant to be taken into custody by the law enforcement officer. It shall be the responsibility of the law enforcement officer to notify the responsible adult of the students interviewed and/or taken into custody. In addition, a good faith attempt shall be made by school personnel to notify the responsible adult.

Cross References:

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
3200	Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct
3201	Student Freedom of Expression
3202	Student Publications
3203	Student Dress
3203-P1	Student Dress – Gang Activity or Association and Extracurricular Activities
3204	Searches and Seizures
3204-P1	Searches of Students and Their Property
3204-P2	Video Surveillance
3204-P3	Video Surveillance – School Buses, Vehicles, School Buildings and Grounds
3205	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3205-P1	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3210	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
3210-F1	Form: Billings School District – Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Incident Reporting Form
3220	Equal Educational Opportunity (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3230	Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3235	Student Drug and Chemical Use and Abuse
3240	Tobacco Free Schools
3250	Gun-Free Schools
3255	Bomb Threats and Threats of Hazardous Substances
6430	Development of Administrative Procedures
1700	Uniform Complaint Procedure

Legal References:

- § 20-5-101, MCA      Admittance of child to school
- § 20-5-102, MCA      Compulsory enrollment and excuses
- § 20-5-103, MCA      Compulsory attendance and excuses
- § 20-5-201, MCA      Duties and sanctions
- § 20-5-202, MCA      Suspension and expulsion
- § 20-4-302, MCA      Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment

*Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Sch. Dist.*, 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969)

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