

# HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SEARCHES

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226. SEARCHES	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the need for safe storage of books, clothing, school materials and personal property and may provide lockers for storage purposes.
2. Authority SC 510	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board that all lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. As such, students shall have no expectation of privacy in their lockers.</p> <p>No student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object that is prohibited by law, Board policy or district rules, or constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.</p>
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker at any time, based on reasonable suspicion, for the purpose of determining whether the locker is being used improperly for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material that poses a hazard to the safety and order of the schools.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board authorizes the administration to conduct random searches of lockers at any time.</p> <p>Students, parents and staff shall be notified at least annually, or more often if deemed appropriate by the administration, concerning the contents of this policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p> <p>The principal or designee shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected based on reasonable suspicion.</p>
Pol. 225	The principal shall open a student's locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the intelligent and voluntary consent of the student.

<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.14</p>	<p>Whenever the search of a student's locker is prompted by the reasonable suspicion that the contents of a student's locker create an emergency, the principal may open the locker as soon as it is necessary to do so to discharge properly their duty to protect the persons and property in the school.</p> <p>The principal shall be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found in a student's locker in violation of law, Board policy or school rules.</p> <p>The principal shall be responsible for promptly recording in writing each locker inspection; such record shall include the reason(s) for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.</p> <p>School officials are authorized to search a student's personal possessions or motor vehicle parked on school property when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is violating law, Board policy or school rules, or poses a threat to the student or the school population.</p> <p>Students shall assume responsibility for maintaining the security of their lockers.</p> <p>Prior to an individual locker search, the student shall be notified and given an opportunity to be present.</p> <p>Students shall be encouraged to keep their assigned lockers closed and locked against incursion by other students.</p> <p>Searches conducted by the administration may include but not be limited to utilization of certified drug dogs, metal detection units, or any device used to protect the health, safety and welfare of the school population.</p>
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