

CHAPTER 5.00 - STUDENTS

DETENTION, SEARCH, AND SEIZURE

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- I. Any instructional or administrative staff member shall be authorized to temporarily detain and question a student under circumstances which reasonably indicate that such student has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violation of Alabama statutes, School Board rules, or a school's Code of Student Conduct. For further information, refer to the system's Code of Student Conduct.
- II. Desks, lockers and other equipment at school belong to the School Board and, although assigned to particular students for use, may be entered and searched by school officials whenever said school officials have reasonable belief that some substance or other material, which is illegal, harmful to the safety of the student himself or the student body as a whole, or significantly disruptive or dangerous to the overall discipline of the school, is contained therein.
- III. The Board authorizes teachers and administrative personnel who have reasonable belief that a student or students are in possession of weapons, illegal drugs or other items harmful to the student or students or to the welfare of the student body to search the person of said student(s) under the following conditions:
 - A. Any such action shall not be taken unless there is a reasonable belief of violation of law or policy which can be substantiated if necessary.
 - B. Any such action shall not deliberately be intended to embarrass, harass, or intimidate the student(s);
 - C. Parents/guardians shall be notified, in writing, of all such searches of a student's person. A copy of said notice shall be retained by the principal.

The above search shall be with the knowledge and under the supervision of the principal or designee.

Any search of a student's person shall be done privately by a teacher or administrator of the same sex as the student to be searched. At least one witness who is an administrator or teacher, also of the same sex as said student, shall be present throughout the search. A record of the search shall be made. One copy shall be filed in the principal's office. One copy shall be sent to the Superintendent. Students shall be given a receipt for all items impounded.

- IV. The Board authorizes law enforcement agencies to make periodic, unannounced visits to any of its schools for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal drugs.

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16-1-30**

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