

Students

Search and Seizure

Vehicle Searches on School Grounds

The privilege of bringing a student-operated motor vehicle onto school premises is hereby conditioned on consent by the student driver to allow the search of that motor vehicle when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. The scope of the search must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the suspected infraction. The act of bringing a motor vehicle upon school premises will allow school officials to presume consent by the student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle for a search of that motor vehicle. Refusal by a student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle to allow access to a motor vehicle on school premises at the time of a request to search the motor vehicle will be cause for termination, without further hearing, of the privilege of bringing a motor vehicle onto school premises. The Principal, or a building administrator, may request a law enforcement officer to search a motor vehicle on school premises, subject to provisions of this policy. This policy does not limit the right of law enforcement officials from searching vehicles on school property as allowed by law.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

New Jersey v T.L.O., 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1985)

