

Searches of students and Personal Property

Personal privacy is a fundamental aspect of individual liberty. All students possess the constitutional right to be secure in their persons, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Staff shall take particular care to respect students' privacy.

School officials have authority to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect students from exposure to illegal drugs, weapons, and contraband. The superintendent, the principal, and other staff designated by the superintendent shall have the authority to conduct reasonable searches on school property in accordance with the law.

Any authorized school official will conduct searches according to the procedure associated with this policy.

Student Privacy

Adult Students, Emancipated Minors, and Confidential Health Information

State law provides that at certain ages, students attain the right to decide for themselves what records will remain confidential, even from their parents, and what activities the student will participate in. At age eighteen students become legal adults and must approve any disclosure of information about themselves from school records, except directory information if a request for confidentiality has not been filed. Students at age eighteen may also sign releases, authorizations or permission slips to participate in school activities, and may sign themselves out of school and authorize their own absences.

Students between sixteen and eighteen who have been granted legal emancipation from their parents or guardians have the same rights as eighteen-year-old students.

Students over fourteen years of age have confidentiality rights in records indicating that they have been tested or treated for a sexually transmitted disease. Students thirteen years and older have confidentiality rights in records regarding drug, alcohol or mental health treatment.

All students have confidentiality rights in family planning or abortion records.

Legal References:	RCW	
	13.64.060	Power and Capacity of emancipated minor
	28A.600.020	Exclusion of student from classroom-Written disciplinary

	28A.320.040	procedures-Long-term suspension or expulsion
	600.210-240	Bylaws for Board and School Government
	WAC 392-400-215	School official searches of student lockers
		Student Rights
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