

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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226 – LOCKER SEARCH		1
1. Purpose	The board acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers for such storage.	2 3 4 5 6
2. Authority	All school lockers are the property of the school district. As such, students shall have no expectation of privacy in their lockers.	7 8 9
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	The board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's lockers at any time for the purpose of determining whether the locker is being improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material which poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools and their occupants.	10 11 12 13 14 15
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>Prior to a locker search, the student may be notified and given an opportunity to be present except in an emergency situation later set forth herein.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall require:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Students shall be notified at least annually, or more often as deemed appropriate by the administration, concerning the contents of this policy.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">All requests or suggestions for the search of a student's locker shall be directed to the school building principal who shall appoint a third party to be present at the inspection.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">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 the intelligently and voluntarily given consent of the student or in an emergency situation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The principal shall be responsible for the handling and proper dispensation of any substance, object or material found to be improperly stored in a student's locker.</p>	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">226. LOCKER SEARCH August 13, 2001 Page 2</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 41 43 44 45 46 47 48</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 his/her duty to protect the persons and property in the school.</p>	
	<p>It shall be the policy of the school district to permit the administration to periodically invite law enforcement agencies or other qualified agencies or individuals to search school property with dogs/animals trained for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal substances:</p>	
<p>PA Code (Title 22) Sec. 12.14</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The administration shall authorize the search and have a designee on hand while the search is taking place. 2. Parents and students will be notified of this policy through its inclusion in the student and/or parent handbook. 3. All school property such as lockers, classrooms and storage areas may be searched. 4. Individual(s) shall not be subjected to a search by dogs/animals. 5. Once notification has been given to parents and students, the school district will have met its obligation to advertise the searches. Additional notices need not be given and actual times or dates of planned searches need not be released in advance. 6. Law enforcement agencies will be given full authorization to investigate and prosecute any person(s) found to be responsible for illegal substance(s) on school property. 	