

considering the age, gender, and nature of the infraction. Items provided by the school for storage (P.E. lockers, desks) of personal items are provided as a convenience to the student and remain the property of the school and are subject to its control and supervision. They may be inspected at any time, with or without reason, or with or without notice by school personnel. Administrative searches are random searches not based on specific suspicions. Administrative searches will be conducted by school administrators or their designee as deemed appropriate. Students who use, possess, or sell substances that they represent as being drugs may be subject to Policy 5-304.

## **STUDENT GRIEVANCES**

Students may present a complaint or grievance regarding one or more of the following:

- Violation of the student's constitutional rights
- Denial of an equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity for which the student qualifies unless said denial is related to the student's individual capabilities
- Harassment of the student by another person
- Concern for the student's personal safety
- Intimidation by another student
- Bullying by another student

## **Provided that:**

- The topic is not the subject of disciplinary or other proceedings under other policies and regulations of this District
- The procedure shall not apply to any matter for which the method of review is prescribed by law, or the Governing Board is without authority to act

## **DUE PROCESS**

Students in MUSD have rights, and in disciplinary cases, students are entitled to due process. This means students:

- Must be informed of the accusations against them
- Must have an opportunity to accept or deny the accusations
- Must have the factual basis for accusations explained to them
- Must have a chance to present an alternative factual position if the accusations are denied

## **GUIDELINES**

- The accusation must be made within thirty calendar days of the time the student knew or should have known that there were grounds for the complaint/grievance
- The complaint/grievance shall be made only to an administrator or professional staff member
- The person receiving the complaint will gather information for the complaint
- The person receiving the complaint shall preserve the confidentiality of the subject, disclosing it only to the appropriate school administrator or next higher administrative