

## STUDENTS

### Searches of Students and Student Privacy

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 will take particular care to respect students' privacy.

School officials have the authority to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect student from exposure to illegal drugs, weapons, and contraband. School principals or other personnel designated by the superintendent will 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.

### 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 and in what activities the student will participate. 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 guardian have the same rights as eighteen-year-old students.

Legal Reference:	<a href="#">34 CFR 99.5</a>	What are the rights of students?
	<a href="#">42 CFR 2.14</a>	Minor patients.
	RCW <a href="#">13.64.060</a>	Power and capacity of emancipated minor.
	RCW <a href="#">28A.320.040</a>	Bylaws for board and school government.
	RCW <a href="#">28A.600.020</a>	Exclusion of student from classroom – Written disciplinary procedures – Long-term suspension or expulsion.
	RCW <a href="#">28A.600.210</a>	School locker searches – Findings.
	RCW <a href="#">28A.600.220</a>	School locker searches – No expectation of privacy.
	RCW <a href="#">28A.600.230</a>	School locker searches – Authorization – Limitations.

RCW [28A.600.240](#) School locker searches – Notice and reasonable suspicion requirements.

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