

PERSONAL SEARCHES

The principal, or another administrator designated by and acting at the direction of the principal, may conduct a search of a student's person during the school day or at a school-sponsored activity when there is reasonable suspicion to justify the search. Any individual designated to conduct such a search must be an administrator. Searches of a student's person may be limited to the following:

1. any object in the possession of the student, such as a purse, backpack, and/or
2. a "pat down" of the exterior of the students' clothing, including the search of or emptying of pockets.

If said search reveals contraband or evidence of violation of the school rules, there may be a reasonable extension of said search of the student based upon reasonable suspicion.

Searches of a student's person shall be conducted in a private location. The search shall be led by an administrator and observed by a designated adult witness. When possible, the administrator conducting the search should be of the same sex as the student. If the administrator conducting the search is of the opposite sex of the student, the witness shall be of the same sex as the student. The parent or guardian of any student searched shall be notified of the search as soon as reasonably possible.

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