

SEARCHES BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

Background

The Division reserves the right to search all school facilities including lockers and desks assigned to students for their own use, in harmony with any legal requirement. In addition, personal items such as backpacks, purses, coats, etc. may also be searched.

Procedures

1. The Principal has the authority to search any school facility including student lockers, desks, and personal items should a probable cause or need exist.
2. The Principal shall inform the students of this Administrative Procedure and a copy of this procedure will be sent home for parent/student signature.
3. Principals shall attempt at all times to ensure the student's right to privacy.
4. At least one (1) administrator and one (1) other adult shall be present during any search.

Reference: Section 20, 45, 45.1, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
Youth Criminal Justice Act
Criminal Code (Canada)

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