

JHA - Student Locker and Desk Searches

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STUDENT LOCKER/DESK SEARCHES

- A. Lockers and desks are the property of the board, not the student.
- B. It is the board's responsibility, through its agents (principals, assistant principal, faculty) to provide supervisions for the use of the lockers and desks.
- C. Students have every right to expect that the contents of the lockers and desks will be protected against fellow students and people not employed by the school board. However, students have the responsibility to use good judgment when securing personal belongings.
- D. The board authorizes its agents to periodically inspect the desks and lockers for the purpose of ensuring cleanliness, and safety.
- E. Should the Board of Directors, through its agent(s), suspect that contraband is contained in the locker or desk, it may have the locker or desk searched with or without the express permission of the students and/or his/her parents, although it is desirable that permission be sought or, at the very least, knowledge be given that a search is to take place so that the student can be present should that person desire.
- F. Lockers and desks may be searched by the police but must be supported with a valid warrant or in connection with a valid arrest. The school will notify the parent, and a school official must be present during the search. A complete record should be made for each instance including a list of witnesses.

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