

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SRSD File: JIH

STUDENT SEARCHES AND THEIR PROPERTY

Statement of Policy:

The superintendent, principal, security personnel of the school or other authorized personnel may detain and search any student or students on the premises of the public schools, or while attending, or while in transit to, any event or function sponsored or authorized by the school when that person has reasonable suspicion that the student may have on the student's person or property:

- Alcohol
- Dangerous weapons
- Prohibited electronic devices
- Controlled dangerous substances as defined by law
- Stolen property if the property in question is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities
- Any other items which have been or may reasonably be disruptive of school operations or in violation of student discipline rules and applicable provisions of the student handbook.

School lockers and school desks are the property of the school, not the student. Students who use school district lockers, desks, and other storage areas or compartments have no reasonable expectation of privacy from school employees as to the contents of those areas. Lockers, desks, and other storage areas or compartments may be subjected to searches at any time with or without reasonable suspicion. Students are not to use any school area or property to store anything that should not be at school. Students shall not exchange lockers or desks. Students shall not use any lockers or desks other than those assigned to them by the principal or designee. A shared locker or storage area implies shared responsibility.

Related:

See also: Policy JIH-R, JIHB

Legal Reference:

NH Constitution, Pt.1, Art.19
State v. Drake, 139 NH 662 (1995)

State v. Tinkham, 143 NH 73 (1998)

History:

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