

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Student Rights and Responsibilities – 440

Student Searches (446)

There are times when a search of a student's person or personal effects such as purses, pockets, duffel bag, etc.. are necessary due to reasonable suspicion by school building administration. Searches of a student's person or personal effects should only take place if there is reliable information that the student may be in possession of a weapon, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or any other item that is judged to be dangerous to the safety and welfare of students and staff. The administrator or designee, when conducting the search, will have at least one other adult witness present. School officials must remain sensitive as to not to invade the privacy of the student any more than is necessary to achieve the purpose of the search.

Strip searches are not allowed under any circumstances. If a more detailed search of a student needs to be done, law enforcement and the student's parent(s) or guardians should be contacted to conduct the search.

If there are any items found during the search that include weapons, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or any other item that is judged to be dangerous to the safety and welfare of the students and staff, the building administrator or designee will contact law enforcement, the student's parent(s) or guardian, and pursue proper disciplinary measures.

Legal References: Section 118.32 Wisconsin Statutes

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