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Search and Seizure Policy

Policy No. 23

Academy administration and employees are charged with protecting the health and safety of all students as well as promoting the effective operation of the Academy. The interest of individual members of society in securing personal privacy must be balanced against the collective interest of society in obtaining the results of the search.

Any search conducted shall be carried out by the Director or designee.

A student shall be free from searches by Academy officials of his/her clothing and other personal property, unless there is reasonable suspicion to believe that something is concealed that may be of danger to the student or to other students or the staff. Academy administration or faculty may require a student to remove all items from pockets, shoes, or other personal effects. No strip searches may be conducted by Academy employees.

Student lockers and desks are the property of the Academy and Academy officials retain the right to inspect such. Academy administration may inspect student lockers or desks in the absence of students only when:

- 1.) It occurs as part of a general inspection of all lockers for the purpose of returning Academy property such as library books. (In such cases the personal belongings of students within lockers shall not be searched.)
- 2.) Academy administration has reasonable suspicion to believe that conditions or circumstances exist which threaten the health or safety of those in the Academy
- 3.) When Academy administration have reasonable suspicion to believe that items are concealed in an Academy locker(s) which violates Academy rules or the law, they shall inspect a locker, but only with the affected student present, if possible. In the case of possible criminal activity, the police shall be called.

Academy administration may turn over to the police anything found by the search for inspection or examination. Students may then be subject to criminal or juvenile court prosecution and/or Academy disciplinary proceedings.