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### Search Policy

Principals or their designate are authorized to conduct searches of student possessions when they have reasonable grounds to believe that they will find contraband or recover stolen property. These searches may include student lockers, knapsacks, duffle bags or purses. They may also include automobiles, which are parked on school property.

When searches are conducted the following procedure is to be followed:

1. The student whose property is being searched is to be present if possible.
2. The principal or designate is to have another teacher present who is to serve as a witness.
3. Where purses, duffle bags are being searched the search is to be conducted by a teacher of the same sex as the student involved.

If contraband is discovered the policy on “Procedure for Handling Contraband in Schools” is to be followed.

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