

Infinity Charter School

SECTION: STUDENT POLICIES

TITLE: SEARCHES

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324. Searches

PURPOSE:

The Board acknowledges the need for safe storage of books, clothing, school materials and personal property and may provide lockers for storage purposes.

AUTHORITY:

It shall be the policy of the Board that all lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. As such, students shall have **only a limited expectation** of privacy in their lockers.

Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers or cabinets closed and locked against incursion by other students. However, no student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object that is prohibited by law, Board policy or district rules, or constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.

The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker at any time, **based on reasonable suspicion**, for the purpose of determining whether the locker is being used improperly for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material that poses a hazard to the safety and order of the schools.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The Board authorizes the CEO or the Assistant Principal to conduct random general searches of lockers when Infinity Charter School has a compelling interest in protecting and preserving the health, safety or welfare of the school population.

Students, parents/guardians and staff shall be notified at least annually concerning the contents of this policy.

The CEO or Assistant Principal shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected, based on reasonable suspicion.

The CEO or designate shall open a student's locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the intelligent and voluntary consent of the student.

The CEO or the Assistant Principal shall be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found in a student's locker in violation of law, Board policy or school rules.

The CEO or the Assistant Principal shall be responsible for promptly recording in writing each

locker inspection; such record shall include the reason(s) for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.

School officials are authorized to search a student's personal possessions located on school property when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is violating law, Board policy or school rules, or poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the school population.

GUIDELINES:

Prior to an individual locker search, the student shall be notified and be given an opportunity to be present. However, when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that a locker contains materials which pose a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the school population, student lockers may be searched without prior warning.

Searches conducted by the administration may include, but not be limited to, utilization of certified drug dogs, metal detection units, or any device used to protect the health, safety and welfare of the school population.