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Searches and Seizure

To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects.

Charter School Property and Equipment and Personal Effects Left There by Students

Charter School authorities may inspect and search Charter School property and equipment owned or controlled by the Charter School (such as lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effect left there by the student, without notice or consent of the student. This applies to student vehicles parked on Charter School property. The Executive Director and/or Principal may require each high school student, in return for the privilege of parking on Charter School property, to consent in writing to Charter School searches of his or her vehicle and personal effects therein, when reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing exists.

The Executive Director and/or Principal may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other Charter School property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

Students

School authorities may search the student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession when there is reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating the law or the Charter School's student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objectives and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

Whenever practical, searches of a student shall be conducted by a staff member of that student's gender. Any time a search of a student must be conducted, a second adult shall be present. Whenever practical, this second adult shall also be of the student's gender. In no case shall a search of a student be conducted without at least one adult of the student's gender present.

Seizure of Property

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the Charter School's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by Charter School authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

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