

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

The District has responsibility for the control and management of the students during the school day and hours of approved extracurricular activities. While discharging its responsibility, the school administration is to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. The administration has developed District regulations to be followed in the case of searches and interrogations.

The right of inspection of students' school lockers or articles carried upon their persons and the interrogation of an individual student is inherent in the authority granted school boards. Administrators will employ procedural safeguards to protect the well-being of those children. All other searches will be conducted sparingly and only when such search is reasonably likely to produce anticipated tangible results to protect in the educational process, preserve discipline and good order, or promote the safety and security of persons and their property within the area of the school's responsibility.

Student lockers are the property of the District, and since random searches have a positive impact on reducing drugs and other criminal activity, it is the policy of the Board to permit the building administrator to search any locker and its contents as the administrator believes necessary. This policy will be posted in every building.

Interrogations of students by law enforcement agencies and other authorities outside the District are extremely disruptive to a student's educational process; additionally, such interrogations may impact student and/or parental rights. A determination whether to allow such interrogation will be made by school administrators on a case-by-case basis.

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 New Jersey v. TLO, 469 U.S. 325, 105 S.Ct. 733, 83 L.Ed.2d 720
 (1985)