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**SEARCH OF STUDENT DESKS, LOCKERS, STORAGE AREAS,
STUDENT EFFECTS AND STUDENT DRIVEN VEHICLES**

Each school shall, on a regular basis remind students of the Division's ability to undertake a search of students' desks, lockers, or other student storage area, personal effects and student driven vehicles. Such communications shall be taken as notice of the school's right to undertake such a search when based on reasonable grounds to believe a school or division regulation, rule or discipline has been breached or a violation of a law has occurred, and that the search will reveal evidence of the breach or violation.

Whenever possible, students should be given the opportunity to provide consent for any search under consideration and to be present or to make voluntary disclosure of the suspected property. However, the danger presented by the property being sought, the student's age and record of conduct, and the urgency of making the search without delay are circumstances bearing on the justification of requesting such consent.

Whenever a school administrator or designate decides to search a locker or desk of a student, the personal effects of a student, or a student driven vehicle, the school administrator or designate must have reasonable grounds to suspect that:

- a student is in violation of the law or a school or Division rule, or
- poses a threat to the proper order and discipline, health or safety of the school, and
- evidence of such a violation will be found in the location or on the person of the student searched.

Reasonable grounds for a search means any one of the following:

- information received from a credible student or person,
- information from more than one person,
- a teacher's or school administrator's own observations, or
- any combination of the above information that the school administrator or designate considers credible.

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