

JIH-R SEARCH OF STUDENTS

In accordance with policy JIH, searches shall be conducted under the following circumstances.

A student is subject to search by district staff if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that evidence of a violation of the law or school rules will be uncovered. School staff shall report a student's suspicious activity to the Principal prior to initiating a search, except in emergency situations.

ESTABLISHING REASONABLE GROUNDS - The following review of the basis for search should occur before conducting a search:

- A. Identify 1) the student's suspicious conduct, behavior, or activity; 2) the source of the information; and 3) the reliability of the source of information.
- B. If suspicion could be confirmed, would such conduct be a violation of the law or school rules?
- C. Is the student likely to possess or have concealed any item, material or substance, which is itself prohibited or which, would be evidence of a violation of the law or school rule?

USE OF DOGS FOR SEARCHES - Building principals or other authorized individuals are permitted to arrange for the use of trained dogs to aid in the search for drugs, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia. The Principal will accompany police officers who are trained to perform a canine search through the building(s).

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Policy JIH (Student Searches and Their Property)
Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

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