

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SEARCHES

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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226. SEARCHES	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the need for safe storage of books, clothing, school materials and personal property and may provide lockers for storage purposes.
2. Authority SC 510	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	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 threat to the health, welfare, or safety of the school population.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Board authorizes the administration to conduct random general searches of lockers when the District has a compelling interest in protecting and preserving the health, safety or welfare of the school population.
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	<p>Students, parents/guardians and staff shall be notified at least annually, or more often if deemed appropriate by administration, concerning the contents of this policy and District procedures.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.</p>
Pol. 225	The principal or designee shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected, based on reasonable suspicion.

