



Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Locker Search - SGASD
Code	226 - OUTDATED POLICY / STRIKETHROUGH
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Propose removal of language in current, outdated policy - Locker Search - to adopt new language/new title proposed: "Searches"

Purpose

~~The Board acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials, and other personal property and may provide lockers and cabinets for such storage.~~

Authority

~~It will be the policy of the Board that all locks and lockers are and will remain the property of the school district. As such, students will have no expectations of privacy in their lockers. Students may not use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law or which constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.~~[\[1\]](#)

~~The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker at any time when such employee has reason to believe that the locker is improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material which poses a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the school population.~~[\[2\]](#)

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.~~

~~Students and parents/guardians will be notified at least annually or more often if deemed appropriate by the administration, concerning the contents of this policy and district procedures.~~[\[2\]](#)

~~The Superintendent will develop procedures to implement this policy.~~

~~The principal or designee with a witness will be present whenever a student locker is inspected based on reasonable suspicion.~~

~~The principal or designee will be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object, or material found in a student's locker, in violation of law, Board policy or school rules.~~

~~The principal or designee will be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each locker inspection; such record will include the reasons for the search, persons present, objects found, and their disposition.~~

~~The principal or designee will open a student's locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the intelligent and voluntary consent of the student.[4]~~

~~Students will assume the responsibility for maintaining the security of their locker.~~

~~Students will be required to sign a waiver in order to have the use of a school locker. This waiver will state that the student acknowledges and accepts that lockers are school district property subject to random search and that the student has no expectation of privacy in lockers.~~

Guidelines

~~Prior to an individual locker search, the student will be notified and be given an opportunity to be present; however, when school authorities have reasonable suspicion that the contents of a student's locker create an emergency, which poses a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the school population, student lockers may be searched without proper warrant.[2]~~

~~The principal or designee may request through law enforcement agencies the use of trained search dogs to conduct periodic checks of the lockers in the school building.~~

~~Illegal and prohibited materials seized during a student search may be used as evidence against the student in a school disciplinary proceeding.[2]~~

- Legal
1. 24 P.S. 510
 2. 22 PA Code 12.14
 4. Pol. 225