

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

The school systems of the state are the exclusive owners of all public school buildings and all desks and lockers with the building assigned to any student and any other area of any public school building or grounds set aside specifically for the personal use of the students. Any teacher, principal, school security guard, or administrator in any parish or city school system of the state may search any area of the school grounds, any vehicle, including visitors, and school buses for weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, stolen goods, or other materials or objects the possession of which is a violation of such parish or city school board's policy, when they has facts which lead them to a reasonable belief that the items sought will be found.

The teacher, principal, school security guard, or administrator may search the person of a student and/or their personal items either by conducting a random search with a metal detector or when there is probable cause to believe that the student has in its possession any of the items mentioned above. Nothing herein shall be construed to afford a student an expectation of privacy which would not otherwise exist.

Any items that are confiscated by an administrator during any search or seizure during the regular school day or at extra-curricular activities may be retained by the school administration.

When any item confiscated during search or seizure is not retained by civil authorities, the school administration may:

1. Return the item to the student.
2. Retain the item seized and require the student's parent(s) to secure the item from the administrator.
3. Discard or destroy the confiscated item.

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