SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

Locker Searches

POLICY: 446.1

The school provides a locker for convenience of the student to be used solely and exclusively for the storage of outer garments, footwear and school-related materials. No student shall use the locker for any other purpose.

The locker assigned to a student is the property of the school district. At no time does the district relinquish its exclusive control of such lockers. A locker may be searched as determined necessary or appropriate without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. The search may be conducted by the district administrator, a building principal, or a school employee designated by the district administrator or building principal. District Officials may use canine searches. Representatives of the Johnson Creek Police Department and/or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department may assist school personnel in the search, upon request of the Administrators. Canines may be used without prior notification to students and/or school personnel.

Any unauthorized item found in the locker may be removed. Items removed from the locker may be held by the school for return to the parent(s)/guardian of the student or retained for disciplinary proceedings, or turned over to law enforcement officials. The adult student or parent/guardian of a minor student shall be notified of items removed from the locker and turned over to law enforcement officials.

If item/s that were seized involved a violation of the law or school policy, a documentation report is placed in the school files for safekeeping and ready retrieval. Depending upon the search finding, the documentation can be used in subsequent school discipline or legal actions.

The district shall include a copy of this policy in the student handbook that is distributed annually to each student enrolled in the district.

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