

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUPACA

SERIES 400 STUDENTS

CODE: 445

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Search:

School lockers, desks, file cabinets, storage cabinets, and other furniture and furnishings and equipment are public property, and as such, the school board retains ownership and possessory control. The following School District officials, employees, or agents may search school lockers, desks, filing cabinets, storage cabinets, and other furniture and furnishings and equipment without notifying students, without the consent of the students, and without obtaining a search warrant:

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| District Administrator | Director of Instruction |
| Director of Exceptional Education | Principal |
| Associate Principal | Athletic Director |
| Dean of Students | School Police Liaison Officer |
| Fire Department Personnel | Coaches |

A drug and/or explosive detecting dog may be employed as one means of establishing reasonable suspicion.

The designated school district official, employee, or agent is authorized to request police assistance in a search if he/she believes that evidence of a crime, stolen goods, drugs, weapons, or items of an illegal or prohibited nature are located in property under possessory control of the School District.

The School District of Waupaca reserves the right to use canines trained for drug detection accompanied by law officials for purposes of the exploratory sniffing of the outside of lockers, vehicles parked on school property, and any other areas of school property deemed appropriate. This activity will be carried out on a random or periodic basis and/or when reasonable suspicion exists.

Seizure:

Designated School District officials, employees, or agents shall seize any and all items from property under possessory control of the School District deemed to be in violation of school rules, unsafe, dangerous or illegal. Any items that are seized during a search by school or law enforcement officials are safeguarded until the appropriate authorities have made a determination for the disposition of the confiscated items. Parents/guardians shall be notified if a search indicates specific students may be involved in activities that violate the law or school safety rules.

ADOPTED: 011299

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

CONTRACT REFERENCE:

CROSS REFERENCE:

The School District of Waupaca does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.