

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEARCHES

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- 6480.1 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.
- 6480.2 All lockers are and shall remain the property of the District. The District reserves the right to search student lockers at anytime at the sole discretion of the building principal. Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers or cabinets closed and locked against incursion by other students. No student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law, Board policy, or District administrative guideline or which constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.
- 6480.3 The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to search students' lockers when there is 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 violates school rules or policy, or any material which poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.
- 6480.4 The Board authorizes District officials to search students provided that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school.
- 6480.5 The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which shall require all requests or suggestions for the search of a student's locker or person to be directed to the school building principal. The Principal or representative shall be present whenever a student's locker or person is searched.

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