

## LOCKER AND LOCKER CONTENTS SEARCHES POLICY

All lockers assigned to pupils are the property of the school district. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of its lockers. The building principal or his/her designee shall have custody of all combinations to all lockers or locks. Pupils are prohibited from placing locks on any locker without the advance approval of the principal or his/her designee. Random searches of school lockers and their contents have a positive impact on deterring violations of school rules and regulations, ensure proper maintenance of school property, and provide greater safety and security for pupils and personnel. Accordingly, the board authorizes the principal or his/her designee to search lockers and locker contents at any time, without notice, and without parental/guardianship or pupil consent. Law enforcement may be involved to the extent deemed appropriate by the administration.

A copy of this school board policy regarding searches shall be provided annually to each pupil and parent/guardian of the pupil assigned a school locker.

### References:

*The Revised School Code*, MCL 380.1306, 2000 PA 87 (Locker Searches) -  
*New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, 469 U.S. 325 (1985)  
U.S. Constitution, Amendment IV

\*If the board of a school district, local act school district, or intermediate school district or board of directors of a public school academy operates a school that has pupil lockers, ... the board of directors shall adopt a policy on searches of pupils' lockers and locker contents. The board or board of directors shall provide a copy of this policy to each pupil at the school that has lockers and to the parent or legal guardian of each of these pupils. The board...shall also provide a copy of the policy to the department upon request by the department. (MCL 380.1306(2))