



Mitchell School District 17-2 POLICY

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The right of inspection of students' school lockers and desks is inherent in the authority granted school boards and administrators. This authority may be exercised as needed in the interest of safeguarding children, and their own and school property.

Nevertheless, exercise of that authority by school officials places unusual demands on their judgment so as to protect each child's constitutional rights to personal privacy and protection from coercion and to act in the best interest of all students and the schools.

The following rules apply to the search of school property assigned to a specific student (locker, desk, etc.), and the seizure of items in his possession:

1. There should be reasonable cause for school authorities to believe that articles are kept in the locker, desk, or other storage space whose possession constitutes a crime or rule violation.
2. Search of an area assigned to a student should be for a specifically identified item.
3. General housekeeping inspection of school property may be conducted at any time.
4. Illegal items (drugs, weapons, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by school authorities at any time.

Metal detectors and drug or weapon sniffing dogs may be utilized at school or at any school function, including activities which occur outside normal school hours or off the school campus at the discretion of administrators.