

Principals are authorized to search students if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated. Strip searches shall not be conducted by school authorities. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

The student shall be told why a search is being conducted. The student shall be requested to empty items such as, but not limited to, pockets, purses, shoulder bags, book bags and briefcases. The principal shall attempt to call the student's parent/s and may call law enforcement. Items which the principal believes may be connected with illegal activity shall remain in the custody of the principal unless the items are turned over to law enforcement officials. If the student refuses to cooperate, the principal may take disciplinary action and/or seek assistance from law enforcement. (See JDD and JCAC)

If law enforcement assistance is present, further search of the student shall be with cooperation and assistance of law enforcement officials. The principal shall remain with the student and be present during any search of the student made by law enforcement officials on school property. The principal shall receive and file a receipt for items turned over to law enforcement officials.

If the principal believes a student is in possession of an object which can jeopardize the health, welfare or safety of the student or others, the student shall be removed to a safe location. This determination may be based on any information received by the principal or any member of the faculty or staff.

Written documentation of each search shall be maintained by the principal (Whenever the principal is mentioned in this rule, it shall be construed so as to include the superintendent "or designated representative.")

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SD 289 WELLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Search Report Form

Name of the student _____

Parents contacted ____yes ____no

Time of search_____ Date_____

Place of search_____

Reason or reasons for the search_____

Law enforcement officials were called by _____

Name of the person who conducted the actual search _____

Names of the persons present while the student was being searched:

Result of the search

Object/s confiscated

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Notifications

Parent/Guardian_____
Name Time Results

Law enforcement_____
Name Time Results

Other_____
Name Time Results

cc: Student's file
cc: Superintendent