

## BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

### STUDENT SEARCHES

The Barneveld School District recognizes its responsibility to provide students and staff with a safe, drug-free environment that is conducive to learning.

All lockers and vehicles parked on school property may be searched. A student's person and personal belongings carried by students (not placed in a locker) will not be searched unless reasonable suspicion exists (alerting of a trained dog may constitute reasonable suspicion) that a school policy, rule, or law has been violated. Searches may be conducted before school, during school, after school, and/or during school sponsored activities.

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A student search will be carried out in a reasonable manner based upon a reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence of a violation of either the law or school rules.

The school official or designee who is conducting a student search may request a student to empty pockets, purses, backpacks or other articles used to carry personal effects, to remove hats, shoes and/or roll socks down. The school official may also request a student to remove outer garments, such as sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets or vests if worn over blouses, shirts, or t-shirts. No school official/employee has the right to request the removal of any other clothing or to conduct a strip search of a student.

The school official conducting the search will notify the student's parent/guardian of the reason for such a search. The official conducting the search will maintain a record of the search detailing the action taken, the reasons for the action, information relied upon, person or locker searched, list of items found, list of items seized, the results of the action, date and time parent/guardian was contacted, signature of the person conducting the search, and signature of the witness.

School officials will make a good faith effort to notify a student's parent/guardian prior to law enforcement officials conducting a search of a student or the student's property unless such action would interfere with a police investigation and/or in the event of imminent bodily harm.

Items seized during a search by school officials will be safeguarded until determination has been made by the appropriate authorities for the disposition of said items.

#### LOCKER SEARCHES

A student has no reasonable expectation of privacy when using a school locker. The notice of the following policy is included in the student handbook as referenced in the paragraph below:

School lockers are the property of the Barneveld School District. At no time does the Barneveld School District relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Periodic general inspections of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason, at any time, without notice, without consent, and without a search warrant.

#### VEHICLE SEARCH

The Barneveld School District reserves the right to search vehicles parked on school property. A student's privilege of parking on school property is conditioned upon the student's consent to a search.

#### SEARCH OF LUGGAGE

A school employee or designee may need to search student luggage during a school-sponsored trip. Such a search will be carried out in a reasonable manner based upon a reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence of a violation of either the law or school rules. A student's participation in the school-sponsored trip is conditioned upon the student's consent to a search.

#### CANINE SEARCH

Searches by dogs specially trained to detect the odor of controlled substances will be used to search the building, grounds, and parking lot at the discretion of the district administrator. The searches will be scheduled by school officials on a random basis and/or when a reasonable suspicion exists that controlled substances may be located in the building; that controlled substances may be located in vehicles parked in/on school property. Also, canine searches will be conducted as a preventive measure when viewed as a benefit to the ongoing drug prevention effort and for school management/discipline reasons. The use of these trained dogs for instructional purposes will be scheduled through the building principal.

***The Barneveld School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.***

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