

## SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School district property is held in public trust by the Board. School district authorities may, without a search warrant, search a student, student lockers, personal effects, desks, work areas, or student vehicles based on a reasonable suspicion that a Board policy, school rule or law has been broken. The school district reserves the right to implement searches by criminal detection canine teams including, but not limited to, lockers, books, bags, and vehicles on school property. A drug-sniffing animal may not be used to search the body of a student. The search will be in a manner reasonable in scope to maintain order and discipline in the schools, promote the educational environment, and protect the safety and welfare of students, employees and visitors to the school district facilities.

School authorities may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search. Items of contraband may include, but are not limited to, nonprescription controlled substances, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, barbiturates, apparatus used for controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, weapons, explosives, poisons, and stolen property. Such items are not to be possessed by a student while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered buses; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. Possession of such items will be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion and may be reported to local law enforcement authorities. The Board believes that such illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials causes disruption to the school environment and presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees or visitors on the school district premises or property.

It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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