



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Search and Seizure

The Governing Board recognizes that incidents may occur which jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of students and staff and which necessitate the search and seizure of students, their property or their lockers by school officials.

School officials may search individual students and their property when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law or the rules of the district or the school.

When practical, staff may use a metal detector when searching an individual for weapons (firearms, knives, explosives, or other dangerous objects).

Student Lockers

Because lockers are under the joint control of the student and the district, school officials shall have the right and ability to open and inspect any school locker without student permission when they have reasonable suspicion that the search will disclose evidence of illegal possessions or activity or when odors, smoke, fire and/or other threats to student health, welfare or safety emanate from the locker.

Random Search for Weapons

The Board finds that the growing presence of weapons in the schools threatens the district's ability to provide the safe and orderly learning environment to which our students and staff are entitled. The Board also finds that random metal detector searches offer a reasonable means to keep weapons (firearms, knives, explosives, or other dangerous objects) out of the schools and mitigate the fears of students and staff. School sites will establish procedures which will ensure that metal detector searches are conducted in a random fashion which excludes individual discretion as to who will be searched.

The above inspections may be unannounced and may be made at the discretion of the school principal or the Superintendent.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy at the beginning of each school year.

Search and Seizure (continued)

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(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 5131.6 – Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous instruments)

(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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