

# MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SEARCHES

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226. SEARCHES	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges the need for safe inschool storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers for such storage.
2. Authority SC 510	All lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. As such, students shall have only a limited expectation of privacy in their lockers.  Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers closed and locked against incursion by other students; but no student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law, Board policy or district regulations, or which constitutes a threat to health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker at any time, based on reasonable suspicion, for the purpose of determining whether the locker is being improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material that poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	Students, parents/guardians and staff shall be notified at least annually, or more often if deemed appropriate by administration, concerning the contents of this policy. Students shall be required to sign a waiver in order to have the use of a school locker.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall require:
Pol. 225	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The principal or representative shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected, based on reasonable suspicion.</li> <li>2. The principal shall open a student's locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the intelligently and voluntarily given consent of the student.</li> </ol>

<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.14</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.14</p>	<p>3. The principal shall be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found to be improperly stored in a student's locker.</p> <p>4. The principal shall be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each locker inspection; such record shall include the reason(s) for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.</p> <p>School officials are authorized to search a student's personal possessions or motor vehicle parked on school property when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is violating law, Board policy or school rules, or poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the school population.</p> <p>Students shall assume responsibility for maintaining the security of their lockers.</p> <p>Prior to an individual locker search, the student shall be notified and be given an opportunity to be present. However, when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that a locker contains materials which pose a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the school population, student lockers may be searched without prior warning.</p> <p>Illegal and prohibited materials seized during a student search may be used as evidence against the student in a school disciplinary proceeding.</p> <p>Searches conducted by the administration may include but not be limited to utilization of certified drug dogs, metal detection units, or any device used to protect the health, safety and welfare of the school population.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.14</p> <p>Board Policy – 225</p>
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