

**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Northville, Michigan**

**BOARD POLICY**

**STUDENT SEARCHES**

Searches of lockers, desks, motorized vehicles, other property or students shall be conducted under the appropriate legal standard, to maintain the safety and security of students, teachers, guests, and school property.

Any student locker/desk is the property of the school district. The school district reserves the right to enter a locker, desk, or other school-issued property for any reason without notice to or the approval of the student. In the course of a locker search, the principal or his/her designee shall respect the privacy rights of the student regarding any items discovered that are not illegal or against school policy and rules, with the exception of items that present potential harm to the student or others.

If the principal or designee reasonably suspects that the contents of a motor vehicle or other student property may present a threat or potential threat to the welfare of others, the principal/designee may initiate a search. Students refusing to cooperate in allowing a search shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Under reasonable suspicion, the principal/designee is authorized to search students. All searches shall be carried out in the presence of an adult witness. No strip searches will be conducted by school authorities.

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