

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: LOCKER AND DESK SEARCH

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226. LOCKER AND DESK SEARCH	
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 and desks are and shall remain the property of the school district. Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers or desk closed and locked against incursion by other students. No student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law 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 or desk when such employee has reason to believe that the locker or desk is improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material which poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All requests or suggestions for the search of a student's locker or desk shall be directed to the school building principal. 2. Prior to a locker search, the student shall be notified and given an opportunity to be present. <p>However, when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the locker or desk contains materials which pose a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of students in the building, student lockers or desks may be searched without prior warning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The principal or his/her representative shall be present whenever a student locker or desk is inspected.

<p>Pol. 225</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. The principal shall open a student's locker or desk for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the informed and voluntarily given consent of the student.5. 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 or desk. Such materials may be used as evidence against students in disciplinary proceedings.6. The principal shall be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each locker and desk inspection which record shall include the reasons for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.7. School officials may conduct a general school-wide search utilizing drug dogs to sniff the exterior of student lockers or desks. In no instance will drug dogs be permitted in the immediate vicinity of students. <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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