

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: LOCKER SEARCH

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# Farrell Area School District

## 226. LOCKER SEARCH

### 1. Purpose

The Board acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers and cabinets for such storage.

### 2. Authority

All lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. 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 or district regulations, or which constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.

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The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker when such employee has reason to believe that the locker 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. Prior to a locker search, the student shall be notified and given an opportunity to be present.

### 3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall require:

All requests or suggestions for the search of a student's locker shall be directed to the school building principal.

The principal or representative shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected.

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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.

The principal shall be responsible for the safe-keeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found to be improperly stored in a student's locker.

The principal shall be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each locker inspection, which record shall include the reasons for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.

Whenever the search of a student's locker is prompted by the reasonable suspicion that the contents of a student's locker create an emergency, the principal may open the locker as soon as it is necessary to do so to discharge properly his/her duty to protect the persons and property in the school.