

Pepin Area Schools

LOCKER, DESK AND STUDENT SEARCH POLICY

Lockers or desks that are provided to students are for the convenience of the student and are to be used solely and exclusively for the storage of outer garments, footwear and school-related materials. No student shall use the locker or desk for any other purpose.

Lockers/desks are the property of the School District and may be searched at any time without prior notice to, or consent of, the student(s) and/or parent(s)/guardian(s). Searches may be conducted by the District Administrator, school principal, lead teacher or designee, police officer and/or designated law enforcement official.

Any unauthorized item found in the locker or desk may be removed. Items removed from the locker/desk may be held by the school for return to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student or retained for disciplinary proceedings, or turned over to law enforcement officials. The student and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified of items removed from the locker/desk and turned over to law enforcement officials unless such notice might compromise an investigation, in which case notice will be provided as soon as is practicable.

Students assigned to a locker/desk will be responsible for any writing or vandalism on the interior of his/her locker or desk and will be expected to clean the locker/desk to remove any graffiti, or pay for damages.

An individual designated by this policy, accompanied by a faculty member of the same sex as the student and/or the police officer, and may conduct a search of a student's person, purse, duffel bag or similar articles if the search is based on reasonable suspicion that the student has dangerous or illegal items or substance in his/her possession.

School District personnel will not conduct strip searches.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.325 Wisconsin Statutes

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