

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE POLICY	446 – Student Searches
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The School District of Green Lake strives to maintain a safe and orderly environment for students- and prohibits the presence of any materials or substances that (1) present an immediate danger of physical harm or illness to any person and/or (2) violate the law or any school rules on school property or property leased by the school district. In order to enforce this prohibition the Board of Education authorizes searches of a particular person, place or thing when a school administrator, or the designee of an administrator, has reasonable cause to believe that such a search will lead to the discovery of anything which violates the law or any school rules. The way in which the search is conducted must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and must not be overly intrusive in the light of age and sex of the student and nature of the infraction. When, deemed necessary, school administrators may ask law enforcement personnel to assist with a search. The Board of Education also authorizes random searches of school district property and/or property leased by the school district when the school district administrator believes that a random preventive search will be beneficial to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment.

Searches of Motor Vehicles

School district parking lots are the property of the school district or are located on property leased by the school district and therefore, parking in school parking lots subjects individuals using the parking lots to school district rules and regulations. Therefore, vehicles parked in parking lots operated by the school district property may be subject to searches.

Personal Searches

A school administrator, or the designee of an administrator, may conduct a limited search of a student’s person, purse, backpack, duffel bag, or similar articles if the search is based on a reasonable suspicion that such a search will lead to the discovery of anything which violates the law or any school rules. Searches of the person of a student shall be limited to the pockets of the student’s clothing, any object in the possession of the student, and/or a “pat down” of the exterior of the student’s clothing. A person of the same sex as the student being searched shall conduct the personal search in a private room. Any official, employee or agent of any school or school district is prohibited under s.948.50 from conducting a strip search of any pupil. At least one, but not more than three persons of the same sex as the student being searched shall witness but not participate in the search. The parent or guardian of any student searched shall be notified of the search as soon as reasonably possible.

Evidence/Contraband

Anything found in the course of a search conducted in accordance with this policy may be seized and admitted as evidence in any disciplinary hearing. Any item seized must be marked for identification at the time seized and must be kept in a secure place by a school administrator or the administrator’s designee, or turned over to a law enforcement agency. At the discretion of a school administrator or the administrator’s designee, any item found during a search may be returned to a parent or guardian of the student from whom it was seized.

Notice

Students will be given notice of this policy at the beginning of each school year.

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Legal Ref.: Section 118.32 and 948.50 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; Wisconsin Constitution, Article I, Section H.