

## **Interrogations and Searches**

### Interrogations

When law enforcement officials find it necessary to question students during the school day or during periods of extracurricular activities, the school principal or designee will be present when possible. An effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian/custodian so that the responsible adult may be notified of the situation. Both of these procedural steps are subject to the direction of the law enforcement official.

If custody and/or arrest is involved, the principal will request that all procedural safeguards prescribed by law will be observed by law enforcement officials.

### Searches

The Board seeks to assure a climate in the schools which is appropriate for institutions of learning and which assures the safety and welfare of personnel and students. To assist the Board in attaining these goals, school officials may search the person and the personal property, including that property or facility provided by the school, and seize any property deemed injurious or detrimental to the safety and welfare of students and personnel if school officials have a reasonable suspicion to believe that an illegal act or violation of school rules and regulations is being committed or about to be committed.

However, in suspected child abuse cases, the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services and law enforcement officials may exclude district personnel from investigation procedures and may prohibit informing the parents.

The superintendent will develop rules for implementing this policy in a manner which both protects students' rights and provides a safe learning environment without unreasonable interference following these basic procedures:

1. A search may be conducted when there is reasonable suspicion to believe that evidence of a prohibited item is present in a particular place;
2. Evidence of a prohibited item may be seized by district officials;
3. A search of district property assigned to students, including but not limited to lockers or desks, may occur from time to time. Students will be notified that such searches have occurred, as appropriate, and will be notified of any evidence of a prohibited item seized;
4. At the time district property is assigned to students for their use, the district shall inform students of conditions for the use of such property and of the intent of the district to conduct searches from time to time.

## END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)      New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985).