

Procedure - Searches of Lockers, Desks and Storage Areas

Lockers, desks and storage areas are the property of the Olympia School District. When assigned a locker, desk, or other storage area, a student will be responsible for its proper care. A student may be subject to a fine for any willful damage to school property. Students should keep their assigned lockers closed and locked.

A student's locker, desk or storage area may be searched by the principal, assistant principal or principal's designee if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that evidence of a violation of the law or school district policy will be uncovered. School staff will report a student's suspicious behavior and/or activity to the principal, assistant principal or principal's designee.

Principals and principal designees should refer to district policy and procedures for conducting searches of students and their personal property (Policy and Procedure 3232 and 3232P) for guidance in establishing whether a search is reasonable under the circumstances.

The principal, assistant principal or principal designee may search all lockers, desks or storage areas without prior notice given to students and without reasonable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of any particular student's violation of the law or school district policy.

Administrative inspections, or health and welfare inspections, may be conducted at any time for the purpose of locating misplaced library books, textbooks or other school property, or to ensure that all lockers, desks or storage areas are being kept clean and free from potential health or safety hazards.

During a search of all student lockers, desks or storage areas the principal, assistant principal, or principal designee conducting the search discovers any container within the locker, desk or storage area which may conceal contraband, the container may be searched in accordance with district policy and procedures governing searches of students and their property (Policy and Procedure 3232 and 3232P). A "container" may include, but is not limited to: a purse, backpack, gym bag, an article of clothing, or any other item in which contraband material may be concealed.

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