

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 33

QUESTIONS AND SEARCHES OF STUDENTS

The MSAD#33 School Board seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in the schools. **MSAD #33 School administrators** are authorized to question and/or search students in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedures.

Students may not bring, possess or store at school any items or substances which are prohibited by law, Board policies and/or school rules, or which interfere with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

Student use of all school storage facilities, including but not limited to lockers, desks, and parking lots, is a privilege granted by the school. All storage facilities are school property and remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school. Students have no expectation of privacy in school storage facilities or for any items placed in such storage facilities. **MSAD # 33 School administrators** have the authority to inspect and search storage facilities and their contents when reasonable suspicion exists.

If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating the law, Board policies and/or school rules, such evidence will be seized and impounded by **MSAD # 33 School Administrators** and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence may be forwarded to law enforcement authorities as required by law or as deemed appropriate by **MSAD # 33 School Administrators**.

School staff, students and parents shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by **MSAD # 33 School Administrators**.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement, with input from legal counsel, administrators, staff and others as appropriate, any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy. Such administrative procedures shall be subject to Board approval.

Cross Reference: JIH-R- Questioning and Searches of Students - Administrative Procedure
 JICIA-Weapons, Violence and School Safety
 JK-Student Discipline
 KLG-Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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