

## QUESTIONING AND SEARCHES OF STUDENTS

The CRCS Board seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in the schools. School administrators may question and/or search students in accordance with this policy and accompanying administrative procedure.

Students and their personal property may be searched upon reasonable suspicion that they possess any items or substances which are prohibited by law, CRCS Board policies and/or school rules, or which interfere with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

When special circumstances exist, including but not limited to a suspected ongoing violation of the CRCS Board's drug/alcohol or weapons policies, or when a potential threat to safety is identified, school administrators may search groups of students or the entire student body without individualized suspicion.

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. School administrators have the authority to inspect and search storage facilities and their contents on a random basis, with or without reasonable suspicion, and without notice or consent. Canine patrols may be used to conduct searches anywhere on school property.

If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating the law, CRCS Board policies and/or school rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by CRCS 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 CRCS administrators.

A student who refuses to comply with a search directive may be subject to disciplinary action, including the disciplinary consequences for the suspected violation.

The Executive Director is authorized to develop and implement, with input from legal counsel, administrators, and/or other appropriate persons, any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

School staff, students and parents shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by CRCS administrators.

Cross Reference: JIH-R – Questioning and Searches of Students

JICH- Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

JICIA – Weapons, Violence, and School Safety

JK – Student Discipline

KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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