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Searches of Lockers, Desks, and Storage Areas

Lockers, desks, and storage areas are the property of the Everett School District. Accordingly, students have no expectation of privacy in the lockers, desks, and storage areas they use or are assigned (RCW 28A.600.220). ~~When assigned a locker, desk, or storage area, a student shall be responsible for its proper care. A student may be subject to a fine for any willful damage to school property. Students are requested to keep their assigned lockers closed and locked.~~

Because students have no expectation of privacy in their lockers, desks, and storage areas, principals or principals' designees may search all student lockers, desks, or storage areas at any time without prior notice and without reasonable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of any particular student's violation of the law or school rule (RCW 28A.600.240).

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

~~Principals and principals' designees should refer to procedures for conducting searches of students and their property (Procedure 3231P) for guidance in establishing whether a search is reasonable under the circumstances.~~

~~Principals 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 rules.~~

Administrative inspections, or health and welfare inspections, may be conducted at any time ~~for the purpose of locating to locate~~ misplaced library books, textbooks, or other school property or to ensure that all lockers, desks, ~~or and~~ storage areas are ~~being~~ kept clean and free from potential health or safety hazards. Periodic inspections of lockers, desks, and storage areas will reinforce the district's ownership of lockers, desks, and storage areas and the minimal expectation of privacy students have in the contents of their lockers, desks, and storage areas.

~~During a search of all student lockers, if the principal or principal's designee conducting the search discovers any~~ However, to search containers within ~~the a student's~~ locker, desk, or storage area, reasonable suspicion must exist that the search will yield evidence of a violation of the law or school rules. ~~which may conceal contraband, the container may be searched according to district procedures governing searches of students and their property.~~ A "container" for the purpose of this procedure may include, but is not limited to, an article of clothing, a handbag, purse, backpack, gym bag, ~~an article of clothing,~~ or any other item in which contraband material may be concealed.

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Cross reference:

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