

Appendix E – Student Lockers and Student Personal Possessions

All lockers made available for student use on the school premises, including lockers located in the hallways, physical education and athletic dressing rooms, industrial education classrooms and art classrooms, are the property of the school corporation. These lockers are made available for student use at the school, but the lockers are not to be used to store items which cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause, an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or which are forbidden by state law or school rules. A student may not expect to have privacy in a locker or its contents.

The student's use of the locker does not diminish the school corporation's ownership or control of the locker. The school corporation retains the right to inspect the locker and its contents to ensure that the locker is being used in accordance with its intended purpose, and to eliminate fire and other hazards, maintain sanitary conditions, attempt to locate lost or stolen material, and to prevent use of the locker to store prohibited or dangerous materials such as weapons, illegal drugs, paraphernalia, or alcohol.

The school corporation also reserves the right to inspect personal property of the students, including coats, jackets, backpacks, purses, and bags or other personally carried items by non-bite dogs through dog sniffs. Based upon reasonable suspicion, probable cause or consent, the school corporation may then search the personal property of students. These inspections and potential searches shall occur by students being required to place their coats, jackets, backpacks, purses, and bags, or other personally carried items wherein said items will be placed in a hallway and the students will then remain in or return to classrooms. All students are advised that under these circumstances the students shall have no expectation of privacy of the contents of said coats, jackets, backpacks, purses, and bags or other personally carried items.

At the direction of the Superintendent, or his designee, the Administration may make use of dogs, law enforcement officials, or other appropriate technology to inspect school premises, including school lockers, and students' coats, jackets, backpacks, purses, and bags or other personally carried items.

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