

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The School Board is committed to maintaining an environment for students and staff which is safe and conducive to learning and working. The Board recognizes that incidents may occur where the health, safety and welfare of students and staff are jeopardized and which necessitate the search and seizure of students, their property, or their lockers by school officials.

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

Whenever reasonably possible, a search of a student's person shall be conducted in the presence of a staff member, and/or the principal.

Student Lockers

Because lockers are under the joint control of the student and the district, school officials shall have the right and ability to open and inspect any school locker without student permission when they have reasonable suspicion that the search will disclose evidence of illegal possessions or activity or when odors, smoke, fire and/or other threats to student health, welfare or safety emanate from the locker.

(cf. 5131.6 - Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.105 Search of school lockers

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 07.010 - 4 AAC 07.900 Student rights and responsibilities

New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 U.S. 325 (1985)

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