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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB) that a Principal, or Designate, may conduct reasonable searches and seizures on Board property, or during school sponsored activities.

Any search will be done pursuant to the appropriate requirements of the Education Act, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act, and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Rationale

It is essential that the safety of students be ensured. An orderly environment is necessary to encourage learning. Reasonable rules of conduct must be in place and enforced in schools.

KPDSB supports its administrative staff in the maintenance of law, order, and decorum on the premises of its schools and facilities, and on educational trips for students.

KPDSB is entrusted with the care and education of students, and it is essential that schools be able to react swiftly and effectively when faced with a situation that could unreasonably disrupt the school environment or jeopardize the safety of the students.

Cross Reference

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
Act

KPDSB Child Abuse and/or Neglect Reporting Protocol
Police & School Board Response Protocol

Policies:

318, Freedom of Information
319, Substance Use by Students
329, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student
Behaviour

Procedures:

302, Search and Seizure in the Schools
321, Safe and Supportive Schools

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The Principal has the obligation to provide a safe, orderly environment for students and staff. On occasion, students may be suspected of having illegal or unsafe materials such as drugs, alcohol, weapons, or stolen property in their possession. In such cases, a Principal, or Designate, must have flexibility to use reasonable searches to maintain a safe school.

KPDSB also has a duty to foster the respect for the constitutional rights of all members of society, including students. Learning respect for constitutional rights is part of the education of our students and is best taught by example.