

Walla Walla Public Schools

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 3230

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SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND STUDENT PRIVACY

Searches of Students and Personal Property

Personal privacy is a fundamental aspect of individual liberty. All students possess the constitutional right to be secure in their persons, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Staff will take particular care to respect students' privacy.

School officials have authority to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect students from exposure to illegal drugs, weapons, and contraband. The superintendent, the principal, and other staff designated by the superintendent have the authority to conduct reasonable searches on school property in accordance with the law.

Any authorized school official will conduct searches according to the procedure associated with this policy.

Student Privacy

State law provides that at certain ages, students attain the right to decide for themselves what records will remain confidential, even from their parents, and what activities the student will participate in. District procedures will be conducted in accordance with State laws.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3245 - Students and Telecommunication Devices

Board Policy 3414 - Infectious Diseases

Board Policy 3231 - Student Records

Legal References:

RCW 34 CFR § 99.5 - What are the rights of students?

RCW 42 CFR § 2.14 - Minor patients

RCW 9.02.100 - Reproductive privacy—Public policy

RCW 13.64.060 - Power and Capacity of emancipated minor

RCW 28A.320.040 - Bylaws for board and school government

RCW 28A.600.020 - Exclusion of student from classroom - Written disciplinary procedures - Long-term suspension or expulsion

RCW 28A.600.210 - 240 - School locker searches - Findings-No expectation of privacy-Authorization-Limitations-Notice and reasonable suspicion requirements

RCW 70.02.220 - Sexually transmitted diseases-Permitted and mandatory disclosures

RCW 70.02.240 - Mental health services-Minors-Permitted disclosures

RCW 70.02.265 - Adolescent behavioral health services-Disclosure of treatment information and records-Restrictions and requirements

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