

## **Policy Statement**

Eastern School Board authorizes school administrators to conduct student search and seizures, for the provision and maintenance of a safe and caring work and learning environment.

## **Rationale**

The Eastern School Board believes that all students, employees and volunteers within the District have a right to a safe, secure and caring environment and that such environments can be created in all schools. It is one of the primary roles of school administrators, teachers and staff to foster a safe, secure and caring school environment. Therefore, school administrators must have the authority to intervene when they feel that specific individuals may be acting in such a way that endangers a safe and secure learning environment.

## **Scope**

This policy and relevant administrative regulations shall be applicable to all students and personnel of Eastern School Board.

## **Procedures**

1. The CEO/Director of Education will establish administrative procedures to provide guidance in delineating the intent of this policy.
2. These regulations will be reviewed annually by the CEO/Director of Education in consultation with Administrative Council.
3. When the school administration collects evidence of a serious crime, the evidence will be provided to the police.
4. Evidence obtained by the principal may be used against the student in a criminal proceeding.
5. The use of police dogs in conducting searches of students or school property will require prior approval from district office.
6. Student searches shall require the presence of two or more persons.

7. Strip searches are prohibited.
8. In conducting searches principals will accommodate for gender and be conscious of the inherent dignity afforded all persons.
9. In the case where a student refuses to cooperate with a search, the parent(s) of the student will be informed and the student will be suspended, as per the school's code of conduct, pending a meeting between the school administration and the parent(s).

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Authority: Eastern School Board  
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Cross Reference: The Schools Act, 1997

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