

1 **St. Regis School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Searches and Seizure

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7 The goal of search and seizure with respect to students is meeting the educational needs of
8 children and ensuring their security. . The objective of any search and/or seizure is to recover
9 stolen property, to detect illegal substances or weapons or to uncover any matter reasonably
10 believed to be a threat to the maintenance of an orderly educational environment. The Board
11 authorizes school authorities to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment,
12 as well as of students and their personal effects and to cooperate with an call on the assistance of
13 law enforcement, in those situations where such assistance will aid the objective or to
14 maintaining order and security in the schools

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16 The search of a student or a student’s property, by authorized school authorities, is reasonable if
17 it is both:

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19 1. Justified at its inception, and
20 2. Reasonably related in scope to the circumstances which justified the interference in the
21 first place.

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23 School authorities are authorized to utilize any reasonable means of conducting searches,
24 including but not limited to the following:

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26 1. A “pat down” of the exterior of the student’s clothing.
27 2. A search of the student’s clothing including pockets:
28 3. A search of any container or object used by, belonging to or otherwise in the possession
29 or control of a student; and/or
30 4. Devices or tools such as breath-test instruments, saliva test strips, etc.

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32 School Property and Equipment and Personal Effects of Students

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34 School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by
35 the District (such as lockers, desks, and parking areas), as well as personal property or effects left
36 there by the student, without notice or consent of the student. This applies to student vehicles
37 parked on or adjacent to school property.

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39 The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials, including their use
40 of specially trained dogs, to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking areas,
41 and other property or equipment including public streets adjacent to school property, for illegal
42 drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or material or other evidence of criminal
43 conduct or violation of student conduct rules.

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1 Students

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3 School authorities may search the student, and/or the student's personal effects, when reasonable
4 grounds suggest a search will produce evidence of a violation of the law or the District's student
5 conduct rules.

6 Seizure of Property

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8 Students may not use, transport, carry, or possess illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or any
9 weapons in their vehicles either on school property or on the portion of Tiger Street adjacent to
10 the school and the portion of Main Street and St. Regis Street adjacent to the school building and
11 field. Vehicles parked at those locations may be inspected at any time by the staff, law
12 enforcement personnel, or by contractors employed by the District, including those utilizing
13 trained dogs, or the presence of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons or other evidence of
14 criminal conduct or violations of student conduct rules. In the event the school has reason to
15 believe that such items or evidence are present, the vehicle will be searched. By signing the
16 Parent-Student handbook, the student expressly acknowledges being notified of this policy and
17 consents to such a search.

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19 Seizure of Policy

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21 When a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating either a law or
22 District policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities and
23 disciplinary action may be taken. As appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law
24 enforcement authorities.

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28 Policy History:

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