



Search and Seizure Procedure

Freedom from illegal search of one's person and property is guaranteed to students by the 4th and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution. RRVCS reserves the right to inspect equipment assigned to students, such as lockers and desks belonging to the school in accordance with the procedures set forth below. The search of students or their property shall comply with the following procedure:

- There shall be reasonable cause for school personnel to believe that a search will disclose evidence of a violation of a school rule or law.
- When such reasonable cause exists, a search may be conducted under the explicit authorization of the School Administrator or his/her designee, with a witness. Physical Searches of a student's person or property may be conducted only where there is individualized reasonable suspicion that the student being searched has committed a crime or a breach of the disciplinary code. Minimally Intrusive Searches – Searches such as emptying of pockets, searches of student backpacks and purses, removal of hats, socks and shoes may be conducted by the School Administrator or designee.
- Items, which might be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process, such as weapons, will be removed from the student's possession.
- School personnel will assist or permit the police to search a student, his or her possessions, or school equipment assigned to such student where the police have obtained a search warrant authorizing the search.