

SEARCHES

To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities may inspect and search places and areas such as lockers, desk(s), parking lots and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school, as well as personal effects left in those places and areas by students, without notice to or consent of the student, and without a search warrant. As a matter of policy, the General Assembly finds that students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places and areas or their personal effects left in these places and areas. School authorities may request the assistance of law enforcement officials for the purpose of conducting inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs. If a search is conducted in accordance with this Section produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law, local ordinance, or the school's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. School authorities may also turn over such evidence to law enforcement authorities