

WILLISTON SCHOOL BOARD POLICY: INTERROGATIONS, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

I. Interrogation of Students:

- A. School officials have the authority to interrogate students.
- B. Williston Public School officials will cooperate with policies regarding the questioning of students; however, the usual police procedure shall prevail.

II. Search:

- A. All school property including student lockers, desks, and storage areas are subject to being searched by school officials. Personal property of students on school property shall further be subject to search including handbags, wallets, backpacks, book bags, storage containers of any type, and automobiles and their contents. When school officials have reason to suspect that someone is harboring contraband in or on school property, a reasonable effort should be made to contact the student so that an inspection may be conducted in the presence of the student and an adult witness. If the student cannot be located immediately, the search may be conducted in the presence of a witness.
- B. A student's person may be searched subject to these conditions:
 - 1. Any search of a person (including a pat down) shall be in the presence of one adult witness and shall be conducted by persons of the same sex as the suspect.
 - 2. All searches shall be reported to the superintendent's office.

III. Seizure:

Items seized by school officials should be properly identified with a written statement documenting the circumstances under which the items were confiscated. Items may then be:

- A. Retained by the school and used as evidence at a formal or informal hearing.
- B. Turned over to law enforcement officials. All contraband found to be kept in violation of law shall be submitted to police.
- C. Returned to the parent, guardian, or student if appropriate.