

STUDENT SEARCHES

Locker Searches

School lockers are the property of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee. At no time does the District relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Periodic general inspections of lockers may be conducted by the principal, assistant principal, a police officer working with school authorities, or other school administrator designated by the principal for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent and without a search warrant.

Any unauthorized item found in the locker may be removed by school authorities.

Search of Student/Personal Property

Each student has the right to freedom from search of his/her person or personal property, except in situations where a staff member has reasonable grounds to suspect that the student might possess stolen objects or other objects in apparent violation of either the law or school rules. The way in which the search is conducted must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and must not be overly intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

School District personnel will not conduct a strip search of any student.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.32 and 118.325 Wisconsin Statutes
Wisconsin Supreme Court - *Isiah B. v. State of Wisconsin* 176 Wis. 2d 639, 1993
U.S. Supreme Court - *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* (105 S. Ct. 733, 1985)

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