

EUT POLICY ON PUPIL PROPERTY SEARCHES

Pupil use of school storage facilities including but not limited to lockers and desks is a privilege granted by the school. All storage facilities are school property and remain under the control, custody, and jurisdiction of the school. Pupils have no expectations of privacy in school storage facilities or for any items placed in such storage facilities. Building principals have the authority to inspect personal items such as book bags, backpacks, clothing, and similar items, and to search storage facilities and their contents without notice or consent.

If a search produces evidence that a student has violated or is violating the law, such evidence may be seized and impounded by the building principal and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence may be forwarded to law enforcement authorities as required by law or as deemed appropriate.

School staff, parents, and pupils shall be informed of this policy on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Director of State schools—EUT.

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