

Search and Seizure

Policy No. 302.13

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), recognizes that students and staff have the right of protection from harm from illegal substances and dangerous objects. To that end, District employees, school administrators or their designates may, if they have reasonable grounds to believe that a search will provide evidence that a school or school district rule has been or is being violated, conduct a search of a student or of the student's belongings or of other property found on school district property. The search should be conducted in a sensitive manner and be minimally intrusive.

The use of drug detection dogs should occur only in response to a real and substantial problem. Searches using dogs for drug detection purposes should be conducted primarily to detect drugs believed to be on school property rather than to create an active deterrent to bringing drugs to school. Random searches are not advised.