

# **SEARCH AND SEIZURE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**[C21]**

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe procedures related to search and seizure of students, their property, and/or the Thetford Academy property that students are using.

## **II. POLICY**

Thetford Academy retains the right to examine its property at any time. Desks, lockers, textbooks, computers, and other materials or supplies loaned by the school to students remain the property of the school, and may be opened and inspected by school employees at any time.

Searches of students' persons, personal effects, and vehicles may be conducted when there are reasonable grounds for suspecting, at the time of initiating the search, that the search will reveal evidence of a violation of law or of school rules. The Head of School, or his/her designee, may consult with legal counsel and/or law enforcement officials when considering whether or how to conduct a search of a student's person, personal effects, or vehicle.

The Head of School, or his/her designee, shall develop procedures to ensure that all searches and seizures of students and student property are conducted in a manner that complies with state and federal constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures of students and student property in schools.

Copies of this policy shall be distributed to students when they enroll in school, and shall be included in the Student and Family Handbook given to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.

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