

## SEARCHES - STUDENT'S PERSON

The Board authorizes teachers and administrative personnel who have probable cause that a student or students are in possession of weapons, illegal drugs or other illegal or harmful items which may pose a danger to the student or students or to the welfare of the student body to search person of said student(s) under the following conditions:

1. Any such action shall not be taken unless there is a probable cause which can be substantiated, if necessary;
2. Any such action shall not deliberately be intended to embarrass, harass, or intimidate the student(s);
3. Parents or guardians shall be notified, in writing, of all such searches of a student's person. A copy of said notice shall be retained by the principal and Superintendent.

The above shall be with the knowledge, and under the supervision, of the principal.

Any search of student's person shall be done privately by a teacher or administrator of the same sex as the student to be searched. At least one witness who is an administrator or teacher, also of the same sex as said student, shall be present throughout the search. Detailed documentation shall be made of all searches. Students shall be given a receipt for all items impounded.

the board shall indemnify and defend in accordance with state law employees who follow this policy and subsequently are involved in litigation as a result of compliance.

(Ref: U.S. Const. Amend. IV; U.S. Const. Amend. XIV, Sec. 1; Moore v. Student Affairs Committee of Troy State University, 284 F. Supp. 724 (M.D. Ala. 1970); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416.3.)