

INVOLVEMENT WITH ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Involvement with an illegal substance includes giving, receiving, possessing, consuming, selling, buying or attempting to sell or buy substances not limited to, but such as drugs or alcohol. School supervision will cover school property, coming to and going from school within a reasonable time, extra-curricular functions, athletic events and field trips.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

In recent years the increase of drug use and violence in our schools has prompted administrators to resort to search and seizure in order to maintain a safe educational atmosphere for those who attend our nation's schools. The following policy is in compliance with state and federal law and does not violate the rights granted under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

The district has adopted a specific policy regarding searches. It is important for parents/guardians to know that the district does have the right to conduct searches for reasonable grounds. Additionally, we also reserve the right to conduct unannounced prudent inspections of lockers, desks, computers and other district property to insure the health and safety of the students.

LOCKER SEARCH POLICY

The Board acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers for such storage.

All lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. As such, students shall have no expectation of privacy in their lockers. Students are encouraged to purchase, at their own expense, either combination or key locks for their hall lockers. Locks are provided for students' gym lockers. However, if students do use their own lock for hall lockers, they must provide either the combination or a key to their homeroom teacher.

Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers closed and locked against incursion by other students; but no student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law or district regulations, or which constitutes a threat to health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.

The Tussey Mountain School District has adopted policy in compliance with the State Department of Education, regulations, which provide for the following: The Board reserves the right to authorize its administrator to inspect a student's locker at any time for the purpose of determining whether the locker is being improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material that poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.