

## STUDENT VEHICLE SEARCH POLICY

- A. All vehicles driven by a student and parking in the School District parking lots must be registered on the Tussey Mountain School District Parking Permit Registration Form. A maximum of one (1) vehicle may be registered to one permit. Students are permitted to park their vehicles on school property as a matter of privilege, not of right.
- B. The district retains the authority to conduct routine patrols of student parking lots and inspections of the exterior of student vehicles on District property, including by means of sniff dog searches. Such patrols and exterior inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.
- C. The interiors of student vehicles may be inspected whenever School officials have reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal, unauthorized contraband or otherwise prohibited materials are contained inside or in the event such materials are in plain view upon inspection of the vehicle's exterior.

Where the District wishes to inspect the interior of a student's vehicle, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. Where a School official has reasonable suspicion or has made observations in plain view, the student shall be notified and given the opportunity to be present for the inspection of the interior of the vehicle. However, where there is reason to suspect that the student vehicle contains material, which poses an immediate threat to the health, safety or welfare of the students or school employees, the student vehicle may be searched without prior warning or presence of the students.
2. Searches of student vehicles may be conducted by law enforcement officials where there is a clear and immediate threat to the health, safety or welfare of other students or school employees, or upon properly executed search warrants presented to school officials, or the intelligently or voluntarily given consent of the students.
3. Where the interior of a student vehicle has been subject to a search, the parents of the student shall be notified as soon as practicable after the search has been conducted.
4. In the event a School official conducts a search of the interior of a student's vehicle for reasonable suspicion, a memorandum shall be prepared to the Superintendent as soon as practicable after the search occurs, outlining the reasonable suspicion for conducting the search, and describing the manner in which the search occurred, including all witnesses present and the result of the search.
5. In the event the student refuses to permit a search of the student vehicle after the District finds reasonable suspicion for the interior search, the student shall be

subject to discipline under the District's School Code of Conduct, and the District reserves the right to immediately notify the student's parents and/or proceed to contact law enforcement authorities for the obtaining of a search warrant for the search of the interior of the vehicle.

- D. If the results of the search present evidence of drug or alcohol possession, theft of School equipment or supplies, or possession of a weapon, the student in control of the vehicle will be appropriately disciplined under the District's Student Code of Conduct and/or appropriately referred to civil or criminal authorities for prosecution.
- E. Parking lots will be appropriately posted to notify drivers who use the surrounding school lots that a vehicle search policy is enforced.

### DOG SEARCH

Dog Search - As part of a "drug free" school, Law Enforcement Agencies may bring dogs into the school to determine the presence of illegal substances.

### UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

The Board strives to provide a safe, positive learning climate for students in the schools. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the district to maintain an educational environment in which harassment in any form is not tolerated.

The Board prohibits all forms of unlawful harassment of students by all district students and staff members, contracted individuals and vendors, and volunteers in the schools.

The Board encourages students who have been harassed to promptly report such incidents to the designated employees.

The Board directs that complaints of harassment be investigated promptly, and corrective action be taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained, consistent with the district's legal and investigative obligations. No reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith charges of harassment.

For purposes of this policy, harassment of a student consists of verbal, written, graphic or physical conduct relating to an individual's race, color, national origin/ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion when such conduct:

- Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it affects an individual's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity or creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment.