

DIVISION: PROGRAMS

PROG-306

POLICY NAME

STUDENT SEARCH AND SEIZURE

POLICY STATEMENT

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (“NLESD”) authorizes the search of students and their belongings when a school administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that they may be concealing illegal or prohibited substances or objects. In the event that illegal or prohibited substances/objects are found, either on the students’ person or in their belongings, the NLESD authorizes the seizure of said objects/substances to ensure a safe school environment.

BACKGROUND

The NLESD is committed to providing safe and caring school environments for all persons. School administrators must be able to respond quickly and effectively to problems that arise in schools in order to protect students and staff from harm and to ensure orderly teaching and learning environments.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students of the NLESD.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. Searches of students and/or their belongings are authorized only when a school administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that they may be concealing illegal or prohibited substances or objects.
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2. Searches of students and/or their belongings shall be conducted in a sensitive and minimally intrusive manner, in accordance with the administrative procedures/regulations outlined for this policy.
3. Student searches shall require the presence of two or more persons.
4. In conducting searches, school administrators will accommodate for gender and be conscious of the inherent dignity afforded all persons.
5. When the school administration collects evidence that reveals possession of weapons or illegal drugs, or other evidence of criminal intent, the matter must be reported to local police authorities and to the Director's office at the earliest possible time.

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