

## WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS

5725

WELFARE/DISCIPLINE

Searches of Student Storage Areas (Lockers, et al)

Student lockers and storage areas are provided by the Wausau School District for the convenience of the student to be used solely and exclusively for the storage of outer garments, footwear, and school-related materials. No student shall use these storage places for any other purpose. Items brought to school or those stored in school are not insured for reimbursement by the District.

School lockers and storage areas assigned to a student are District property. The District retains ownership and possessory control of all student lockers, desks, and storage spaces. Furthermore, the District designates building principals, associate principals, activity directors, police liaison officers, attendance officers, fire department personnel, custodians, or other school employees designated by the District Administrator or building principal as persons who may conduct searches of these areas. Use of these spaces by those other than the assigned student is prohibited. At no time does the District relinquish exclusive control of such lockers.

Periodic general inspections of student assigned storage spaces may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. Use of dogs that specialize in detecting illegal drugs may be utilized in searching school premises including lockers and vehicles parked on school property. School personnel shall maintain a passkey to all lockers and storage areas for access at all times. Students shall not be allowed to secure their lockers or storage areas in any way whatsoever other than the locking mechanism provided by the school.

Any unauthorized item found as a result of the search may be removed. Items removed may be held by the school for return to the student's parent/guardian (without liability to the school for safekeeping) unless the inspecting authority suspects that possession or storage of the unauthorized item found involves a violation of law in which case the suspect material removed shall be turned over to law enforcement officials. The student and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified by the inspecting authority of items removed and of the delivery thereof to law enforcement officials in cases of contents so disposed of, and of the parent/guardian right to obtain other items removed.

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