

Provisions for temporary storage and safety of students' personal possessions ordinarily used in their day-to-day school activities will be made for certain grades by use of such devices as lockers. These lockers may not be used to conceal weapons and/or illegal substances.

Ownership and control of all lockers is retained by the Leeds School District. Access to all lockers under certain conditions is a legal right of school officials whose responsibility is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all students enrolled.

When the school principal has a reasonable suspicion that one or more lockers may contain objects or substances in violation of school rules or which may be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of all students enrolled, the principal may initiate a search of those lockers. School bags and coats stored in the locker are considered part of the locker. The principal should make a reasonable effort to contact the student and ask the student to open the locker. The principal should then inspect the locker in the presence of the student.

If the student cannot be located, if the student refuses to open the locker, or if an emergency is deemed to exist, the principal may open and inspect the student's locker. In such a case, the principal should be accompanied by at least one other adult person.

In the event a police officer or other law enforcement officer is to conduct a search of a student's locker, person, or possessions, a search warrant is necessary.

Dogs may be used in the search of a student's locker.

The superintendent should be notified whenever a search has been conducted.

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