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## PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD POLICY SEARCH AND SEIZURE

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It is the intention of the Peacham School Board to respect the rights of our students to privacy. When search and/or seizure are considered necessary by the school administrators, this policy will be followed.

1. Desks, lockers, textbooks and other materials or supplies loaned by the school to students remain the property of the school, and may be opened by school employees for cleaning, maintenance or emergencies. When prohibited items are found in the course of routine cleaning or maintenance, or in the case of emergency, they will be confiscated and a report will be made to the principal who will determine whether further investigation is warranted.
2. School property may also be searched by school employees upon reasonable suspicion on the part of the principal or superintendent that a law or school policy is being violated. Searches of school property in the possession of students will not extend to areas or items not reasonably calculated to aid in the enforcement of specific policies or laws.
3. Searches of students' persons or vehicles will be conducted if there is reasonable cause to believe that a school policy or law is being violated. Search of a student's person will be conducted by a school employee of the same sex and in the presence of another school employee, unless an emergency or urgent danger to life or property requires otherwise.
4. School employees are not the agents of law enforcement officials. Search and/or seizure by law enforcement officials on school property may occur when a warrant or other legal basis exists authorizing such search and/or seizure, and when compliance with the requirements of the board's policy on interrogations by law enforcement officers has been accomplished.
5. Copies of this policy will be distributed to students when they enroll in school, and will be included in the student handbook given to students at the beginning of each school year.

Cross Reference: Interrogations or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement Officers  
or other Non-School Personnel  
Student Conduct and Discipline