

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual
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Section: PUPILS
Title: LOCKER SEARCH
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226. LOCKER SEARCH

- .1 The Board acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers and cabinets for such storage.
- .2 All lockers are and shall remain the property of the school district. Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers or cabinets closed and locked against incursion by other students, but no student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited or which constitutes a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.
- .3 The Board authorizes its employees to inspect a student’s locker when such employee has reason to believe that the locker is improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material which poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.
- .4 The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall require:
 - .41 All requests or suggestions for the search of a student’s locker shall be directed to the school building principal.
 - .42 Wherever possible, before opening the locker for inspection, the principal shall notify the student and permit the student to be present when the locker is opened.
 - .43 The principal or representative shall be present whenever a student locker is inspected.
 - .44 The principal shall open a student’s locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search

warrant, or on the voluntarily given consent of the student, or when the principal has reasonable suspicion that the locker contains objects or substances that are prohibited or that may pose a threat to the safety or health of individuals or to the building itself.

- .45 The principal shall be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found to be improperly stored in a student's locker.
- .46 Whenever the search of a student's locker is prompted by the reasonable suspicion that the contents of a student's locker create an emergency, the principal may open the locker as soon as it is necessary to do so to discharge properly his/her duty to protect the persons and property in the school.