

STUDENT PERSONNEL
SEARCH OF STUDENTS AND PROPERTY OF STUDENTS

Principals, assistant principals and other district administrators have a right to search students and their property according to the administrative procedures only after they have established reasonable suspicion. Reasonable suspicion is defined below.

Reasonable Suspicion: Reasonable suspicion is the standard for a search on school property or at school-related events and is based on the school official's specific reasonable inferences which he or she is entitled to draw from the facts in light of the school official's experience. Specific reasonable inferences may be drawn from instances including but not limited to a tip from a reliable student, suspicious behavior which suggests that contraband is present, smell indicating the presence of contraband, or a bulge in a pocket, etc. Reasonable suspicion should not be based on mere hunch.