Section: 7000 - School, Parent and Community Relations

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SCHOOL SEARCHES

To safeguard the property and lives of our students, staff and administration and to help prevent the possession, sale and use of illegal drugs on the school premises, and support the school's prohibition of possessing weapons on the school premises. Pursuant to North Carolina law, any person entering the premises of our school will be deemed to have conceded to a reasonable search of his person and effects. Therefore, school administrators and officials may conduct reasonable searches on the school property of lockers, desks, vehicles and personal belongings such as purses, book bags, wallets, and satchels with or without probable cause.

In addition, the school reserves the right to search any employee's office, car, desk, files, locker, computer or any other area or article on the school's premises. In this connection it should be noted that all offices, desks, files, lockers and so forth are the property of the school and are issued for the use of the employees only during their employment with the school. Inspections may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the school.

Persons entering the premises who refuse to cooperate in an inspection conducted pursuant to this policy will not be permitted to enter the premises.

Employees working on or entering or leaving the premises who refuse to cooperate in an inspection as well as employees who after the inspection are believed to be in possession of stolen property or illegal drugs, will be escorted to the main office and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge if on investigation they are found to be in violation of the school security procedures or any other school rules and regulations.