
STUDENT AFFAIRS

POLICY

NO. 5300.11

SEARCH OF LOCKERS

The District has provided school lockers for the purpose of providing students with a convenient receptacle for clothing, books, and other articles necessary or convenient for a student's use during the school day. The student has no property interest in any locker.

Lockers are subject to search, without notice, to protect the health and welfare of the school community. A search shall be conducted only when there is reason to suspect violation of school rules and regulations or laws or as a proactive or preventative measure when deemed necessary. Authorization to search a locker and its contents shall be given only by the principal, and or his/her designee. Law enforcement officers or other outside agency personnel may assist school personnel in conducting a search of a locker or its contents. If practical, the student may also witness the search. A record shall be kept by the school of all lockers searched, and all items seized during locker searches. Any unauthorized items found as a result of a locker search may be given to the parent/guardian of the student, returned to its rightful owner, disposed of, or forwarded to law enforcement officials as the circumstances may warrant. It is recognized that all lockers are opened and/or inspected for housekeeping and repair purposes periodically.

The Pewaukee Public School District is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination in the educational programs and activities it operates and in related employment practices. As such, the Pewaukee School District prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination against students, employees, and other persons in all aspects of the District's programs, activities, and operations. The term "unlawful discrimination" encompasses any unlawful policy, practice, conduct, or other unlawful denial of rights, benefits, or privileges based on any legally-protected status or classification such as sex; race; color; religion; national origin; ancestry; creed; pregnancy; marital or parental status; sexual orientation; physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, those in the military or of veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. Additionally, various state and federal laws establish the actions that do (and do not) constitute unlawful discrimination with respect to each protected status or classification. Where applicable, unlawful harassment that is based on a legally-protected status is one form of unlawful discrimination.

No one may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied benefits of or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity in accord with the above-named classifications.

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