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## School Locker Policy and Agreement

While the privilege of having a locker is something each of our students deserves, with this privilege come some responsibilities. Fundamentally, the use of lockers should not interfere in any way with the basic functions of our school. This means that we must establish a set of guidelines which permit reasonable access to the lockers without creating noise in the halls or disruption of any classes in progress. This also implies that some restrictions, however limited, must be imposed.

As a general rule, we would like to indicate that lockers should be used only four times each day; once when the student arrives at school, and again before and after lunch, and finally when the student leaves school. Under some circumstances, students may have access to the lockers at other times.

### Use of Lockers:

1. Arrival -- Students may use lockers quickly before the beginning of their first class.
2. Lunch -- Students may use lockers at then end of the class ending right before lunch and again returning to class after lunch.
3. Departure -- Students may use the lockers after the end of their last class of the day.
4. During the School Day -- Access to lockers is prohibited during the day except during a student's lunch period.
5. Hall Traffic -- Hall lockers reduce the width of our halls. The flow of traffic through the corridors will be impeded if students congregate near lockers during the change of periods. Therefore, students must not stop at lockers during these times.
6. Locker Assignment -- Your locker is assigned to you for the year. You are the only person who should have access to the locker. At the end of the year, you must vacate the locker.
7. Security -- Lockers are not safes. We do not suggest that you keep anything of great value in your locker, especially overnight. You must recognize that what you keep in the locker is stored there at your own risk.

Each student is reminded that these limitations on the use of lockers are necessitated by the location of the lockers, our need to maintain an orderly, quiet atmosphere in the corridors, and the need to permit free movement through the halls during the change of periods. The cooperation of each student is absolutely necessary if we are to succeed in these purposes.

Recent court rulings concerning the use of lockers have indicated the following:

1. Lockers are not considered the private property of a student.
2. Lockers are not protected from search in the same manner as one's private property.
3. A locker is under the "joint dominion and control" of the student and school officials.
4. The officials (administration and/or teachers) have the right to open and search the contents of lockers.
5. Officials do not have to show probable cause in order to open and search the contents of lockers.

The school's administration, however, does not plan any routine search of lockers. In general, every effort will be made to treat lockers as if they were private property and to respect the privacy of the student. Where there is probable cause, however, it may be necessary to institute a locker search.

**IMPORTANT:**

**THE USE OF A LOCKER IS A PRIVILEGE. THIS PRIVILEGE WILL BE WITHDRAWN IF A STUDENT CONSISTENTLY FAILS TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ABOVE.**

**NO FEE IS NEEDED.**

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Signature of Student

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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