Inspection of Student Lockers
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In the interests of school safety, culture, and climate, the Board of Education believes that the inspection of lockers on its premises by appropriate school personnel is a reasonable and necessary action.

School Lockers

School lockers are assigned at the beginning of each school year or upon registration for storing personal belongings (e.g. shoes, outdoor clothing) and school related materials (e.g. books, binders) subject to the conditions stated in this policy. It is expected that students remain with their assigned locker for the duration of the school year unless the school administration approves a change of locker assignment.

Lockers are provided to individual students and are the responsibility of that student. Lockers may not be shared.

Students are required to use a combination lock for their assigned lockers in order to minimize the possibility that items stored in student lockers may be stolen or damaged. Only approved combination locks may be used on student lockers and the combination of the lock must be registered at the office.

The locker is to be kept clean and food stuffs are to be removed on a regular basis.

Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all material from their lockers at the end of the year or when they leave school.

Each student and their parents/guardians, as a condition of receiving a school locker, are required to sign the acknowledgement form attached.

Locker Inspections

Lockers assigned to students are the property of the School District and are to be used only for school purposes. School lockers are at all times subject to search by school officials

Guidelines

1. Inspections will normally be done by the school principal or delegate with another staff member present.
2. A student locker search may be undertaken when there is reasonable suspicion that the locker is being used to store items that are illegal, present a health or safety

concern, or contribute in some potentially serious way to undermining school or District policies, guidelines or expectations of proper student conduct.

3. Searches should never be random or arbitrary.
4. If illegal substances and/or anything that would threaten the safety of other students, staff or any other person are found through the locker inspection, the RCMP shall be contacted.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED A LOCKER UNLESS THE FOLLOWING FORM IS SIGNED BY BOTH THE STUDENT AND HIS/HER PARENT/GUARDIAN.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CONCERNING USE OF STUDENT LOCKERS

I acknowledge and understand that school lockers are the property of School District #81 and one is assigned to me for use during the school year on the following conditions:

1. I am responsible for the locker that is assigned to me. No one else may use this locker.

2. I agree to use an approved combination lock on this locker. I will register the combination of the lock at the office. I will not divulge my lock combination to anyone else.

3. I will only use the locker for purposes relating to school and my attendance at school

4. No illegal substances, weapons, or prohibited or offensive material may be placed in the locker.

5. I UNDERSTAND THAT SCHOOL OFFICIALS MAY SEARCH STUDENT LOCKERS AT ANY TIME AND WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE, WITHOUT STUDENT CONSENT AND WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF USE AND OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES AND RULES.

6. I understand that my permission to use the locker may be terminated if I do not comply with the conditions of use, school policies or rules.

7. I agree to keep the locker clean and to remove foodstuffs on a regular basis.

8. I understand that I am responsible for cleaning and removing all material from the locker at the end of the year or when I leave school.

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Student Signature

My child and I have discussed the School District's locker policy and he/she is aware of his/her obligation for locker use.

_____
Parent/Guardian's Signature

_____
Date

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Locker Number (to be filled out by school)

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