

# MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: LOCKER SEARCH

ADOPTED: July 1, 1991

REVISED: April 10, 2000

226. LOCKER SEARCH	
1. Purpose	The Executive Council acknowledges the need for safe in-school storage of books, clothing, school materials and other personal property and may provide lockers for such storage.
2. Authority	All lockers are and shall remain the property of the school. As such, students shall have no expectation of privacy in their lockers. Students are encouraged to keep their assigned lockers closed and locked against incursion by other students; but no student may use a locker as a depository for a substance or object which is prohibited by law or school regulations, or which constitutes a threat to health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building or the building itself.
Title 22 Sec. 12.14	The Executive Council reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker when such employee has reason to believe that the locker is improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material which poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the school.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>Prior to a locker search, the student shall be notified and given an opportunity to be present. All requests or suggestions for the search of a student's locker shall be directed to the administration, who/which will review and authorize such requests.</p> <p>The Director or a designee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be present whenever a student locker is inspected.</li> <li>2. Open a student's locker for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer only on presentation of a duly authorized search warrant or on the intelligently and voluntarily given consent of the student.</li> <li>3. Be responsible for the safekeeping and proper disposal of any substance, object or material found to be improperly stored in a student's locker.</li> </ol>

226. LOCKER SEARCH - Pg. 2

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.14</p>	<p>4. Be responsible for the prompt recording in writing of each locker inspection; this record shall include the reason(s) for the search, persons present, objects found and their disposition.</p> <p>Whenever the search of a student's locker is prompted by the reasonable suspicion that the contents of a student's locker create an emergency, the administrator may open the locker as soon as it is necessary to do so to discharge properly his/her duty to protect the persons and property in the school.</p>
--------------------------------	---