

SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS

It is the policy of the Hull Public Schools to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. At the same time, the Hull Public Schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the school. To carry out this responsibility Hull Public School officials should observe the following:

1. A student may not be interrogated on school premises by any authority without the knowledge of the school official;
2. Any interrogation must be done in private, whenever possible, with an official school representative present;
3. A student may not be released into the custody of persons other than parent or legal guardian, unless placed in custody by legal authority;
4. If a student is removed from the school by legal authority, parents should be notified of this action by school officials as soon as possible;
5. School officials have the right to search a student's locker and to confiscate any drug or material that may be illegal or harmful; and
6. Searches by school officials of students' automobiles or the student will be conducted in a way that protects the students' rights consistent with the responsibility of the Hull Public Schools to provide an atmosphere conducive to the educational process.

The school administration retains control over lockers loaned to students, and regulates admission and parking of automobiles on school grounds. The administration therefore has the right and duty to inspect and search students' lockers as well as student and non-student automobiles, if the administration reasonably suspects, upon information received from law enforcement officials or other sources, that drugs, weapons, dangerous illegal or prohibited matter, or goods stolen from school or from members of the staff or student body, are likely to be found therein. The administration also has the right and duty to search a student's person or belongings if there is a high degree of suspicion that drugs, weapons, dangerous illegal or prohibited matter, or such stolen goods, are likely to be found on the student's person or belongings, in exercise of the school's duty to enforce school discipline and to protect the health and safety of the student and /or student body. The items of such search may be turned over to law enforcement officials for inspection or examination and may be the subject of criminal or juvenile court prosecution, or of school disciplinary proceedings.

Note: Please be aware that Hull Public Schools is working very closely with the Hull Police Department to keep Hull High School safe and drug-free. Parents and students are reminded that Hull Public Schools will request that the Hull Police Department, and trained animals, conduct a search when deemed necessary to ensure the safety of Hull High School students. Students and parents are also reminded that a person, person's personal belongings, and automobile/bicycle/other form of transportation, parked on school grounds, or in the vicinity of Hull High School, are subject to search when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of drugs, weapons, contraband, or if there is reason to believe that he/she has violated or is violating the law or school rules.

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