

North Orange County Regional Occupational Program

Policy

BP 5145.12

Students

Search and Seizure

As necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, ROP officials may search students, their property and/or ROP property under their control, and may seize illegal, unsafe and prohibited items. The Governing Board requires that discretion, good judgment and common sense be exercised in all cases of search and seizure.

Individual Searches

ROP officials may search individual students, their property and ROP property under their control, when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating the law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the ROP or the school.

Employees shall not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches of any student.

Searches of individual students shall be conducted in the presence of at least two ROP employees.

The program administrator or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of a minor student subjected to an individualized search as soon as possible after the search.

Student Lockers/Desks

Because lockers and desks are under the joint control of the student and the rop, rop officials shall have the right and ability to open and inspect any school locker or desk without student permission or prior notice when they have reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of illegal possessions or activities or when odors, smoke, fire and/or other threats to health, welfare or safety emanate from the locker or desk.

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