

Division Programs	Policy Series 800	Policy # 800.8
Subject Searches	Replaces	
Responsible Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Education • Assistant Director of Education (Programs) • School Administrators 	Date Approved February 1, 2010	
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800.8(1) Policy Name

Student Searches

800.8(2) Policy Statement

800.8 (2.1) The Director of Education permits the searches of students and their belongings when a school administrator has reasonable grounds to believe:

2.1.1 That there has been a breach of school rules or discipline and that a search of the student and/or his or her belongings would reveal evidence of that breach.

2.1.2 That a student is concealing illegal or prohibited substances or objects on his person or in his belongings.

800.8(2.2) Searches of students and/or their belongings shall be conducted in a sensitive and minimally intrusive manner, in accordance with the procedures outlined for this policy.

800.8(3) Policy Rationale/Purpose

Nova Central School District is committed to providing safe and caring school environments for all persons. School administrators must be able to respond quickly and effectively to problems that arise in schools in order to protect students and staff from harm and to ensure orderly teaching and learning environments.

800.8(4) References

800.5 NCSD Safe and Caring Schools Policy

800.8(5) Scope

This policy governs any search of a student, his/her belongings or his/her locker on Nova Central School District property, as carried out by a district staff person.

800.8(6) Roles and Responsibilities

800.8(6.1) Responsible Division: **Programs Division**

800.8(6.2) The **Director of Education** shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring and revision of this policy.

800.8(6.3) The **Director of Education or his/her designate, the Assistant Director of Education (Programs)** shall be responsible for consulting with school administrators regarding student searches.

800.8(6.4) **School administrators** shall conduct student searches, approve student searches by other school authorities, and request police involvement in searches as deemed appropriate.

800.8(7) Procedures

800.8(7.1) Search procedures

800.8(7.2) Physical searches

800.8(7.3) Locker searches

800.8(7.4) Police involvement in searches

800.8(7.5) Seizure

800.8(7.6) Search and seizure on school buses

800.8(8) Definitions

N/a

800.8(9) Review

This policy shall be reviewed every two years.

800.8(10) School Policy

Schools are required to follow the district policy with respect to student searches.