

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53
Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

Student Storage Facilities

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to maintain and promote a learning environment in the school that is functional, safe and conducive to education. The MSAD #53 Board of School Directors finds that the presence in the school of items not connected to the school curriculum or co-curricular school activities creates a distraction from the fundamental educational mission of the school and may pose serious health and safety dangers to the school community.

Definitions:

The term “storage facility” includes but is not limited to student lockers, locker rooms, storage baskets and desks.

Scope:

This policy is intended to govern only those storage facilities made available to, or in fact used by, school students or students of other schools. This policy does not govern the rights of school administrators who are legal employees or independent contractors of the school, school district, municipality or state.

Policy:

The school is under no legal or moral obligation to provide storage facilities for student use. Students have no inherent right to the use of or access to school storage facilities.

All storage facilities made available to students by the school are, at all times, the property of, in custody of, and under the control of the school and school authorities.

School authorities may, in their discretion, grant joint access or joint use of storage facilities with a student for the temporary storage of only the following:

1. Textbooks, notebooks, supplies and equipment reasonably necessary for use in that student’s current school-approved curriculum;
2. Seasonable clothing reasonably necessary for that student to commute to and from school, and clothing and equipment reasonably necessary to participate in current school-approved activities and sports;
3. Articles of personal hygiene;
4. Food reasonably necessary for the student’s consumption during that school day;
5. Money in an amount reasonably necessary to purchase food for the student’s consumption during that school day, or in an amount reasonably necessary for immediate payment by that student for school-approved purposes.

Students shall not keep contraband of any kind, or valuable personal items, in any school storage facility.

School officials have unlimited access to student storage facilities. School officials, without notice, may: destroy contraband items and open, search, clean, inventory, inspect, relocate, or reassign any storage facility and/or its contents.

All students who accept the use of, or use, any storage facility shall thereby accept the limitations, restrictions, rules and regulations relating to such storage facility. The school is not responsible for loss or damage of any items placed into a storage facility.

Policy Reference: 9.16 Interrogation and Search

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