

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

5145.12 - BP

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The Board of Education recognizes that situations may exist which require the search of students, their property, and/or facilities of the school which are assigned for the use of students, such as lockers, storage cabinets, project drawers, etc. Such searches may be conducted by school officials when reasonable suspicion exists that illegal, dangerous, and/or prohibited objects may be present on school property or at school activities off of school grounds or when some other violation of law, district policy, or school rules and regulations is imminent or has occurred. Searches of persons shall be limited as prescribed by law.

In an effort to keep the schools free of dangerous contraband, the district may use specially trained, nonaggressive dogs to detect and alert staff to the presence of substances prohibited by law or Board policy. The dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, or vehicles on district property or at district-sponsored events. Dogs shall not sniff individual students or other persons and may not sniff any personal items on their person.

Illegal, dangerous, and/or prohibited objects may be seized by school officials and may be placed in the custody of appropriate law enforcement personnel as soon as possible after seizure. Any seized objects found not to be illegal shall be returned to the individual after school hours or to the parent/guardian.

LEGAL REFERENCE:	Education Code	Section 32280-32289 Section 35160 Sections 49050-49051 Sections 49330-49334
	Board Policy	5131.8.1

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