

Springvalley Elementary School

School Search & Seizure Policy

Student searches may occur when there are reasonable suspicions of a violation of school rules and/or law. The search shall be made pursuant to the reasonableness, under all the circumstances, of the search. The search of the student shall be justified at its inception, based on reasonable suspicion and reasonable scope in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Contraband and other property unauthorized to be on school property or school sponsored activities will be seized for evidentiary purposes in a school hearing and/or legal hearing. Return of the property may be made to the parents/guardians of the student. Illegal contraband or other property will be turned over to the proper law enforcement officials.

School Property

Cloakrooms and desks are the property of the school and are assigned to the students for school use. Students hold neither expectation of privacy in their desks nor any other school property. Students leave articles of value in desks or cloakrooms at their own risk. School officials have the authority to search all school property (including desks and cloakrooms) at any time without notice, and to seize any property prohibited by law or school policy.

Major Infractions

Students involved in major infractions (IE smoking, fighting, drugs, vandalism, defiance) will be dealt with by the administration. Parents will be contacted immediately and informed of the disciplinary procedures. A suspension may occur as a result of a major violation. The RCMP will be contacted if the incident is against the law and an indefinite suspension may result. Such incidents will be dealt with in accordance with School Board Policy and Regulations on Discipline. In a report of something illegal or dangerous, the school reserves the right to search a student, desk, and belongings.