

WASHINGTON-SARATOGA-WARREN-HAMILTON-ESSEX
BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School lockers, desks, and other such equipment are not the private property of students but the property of the BOCES and as such, may be opened and subject to inspection by school officials.

Students may be subject to a limited personal search of pockets and coats and searches of their possessions (such as bags, personal possessions carried by the student, etc.) if there is reasonable suspicion that the student possesses illegal matter; for example, a weapon or illegal drugs. Such items are forbidden both on school property and at school related activities.

If there is reasonable suspicion and the student does not cooperate, the authorities will be contacted to conduct personal searches. Every possible attempt will be made to notify parents prior to the search.

All searches will be documented in accordance with BOCES administrative regulations.