

Students**Activities****Vehicles Search**

In accordance with state law, it shall be the policy of the Watertown Unified School District Board of Education that the School Board retains ownership and control of all real estate property owned by the District. At no time does the District relinquish control of its property. Students are permitted to park on District property as a matter of privilege, not of right. Searches of the interior of a vehicle located on District property including searches of a student's personal property located within the vehicle may be conducted when school personnel have a reasonable suspicion of a violation of the law, Board policies, or school rules or the student has given consent to the search of the vehicle. Such searches may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

The following school officials, employees, and agents may conduct vehicle searches:

- Administrators, student services staff, and teachers.
- The school liaison officer and other law enforcement officers working with or at the request of school authorities.
- Support staff, including secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, maintenance, and food service, in the company of an employee designated above.

Any illegal or unauthorized item found in a vehicle located on District property may be removed and given to the parent or guardian of the student, returned to its rightful owner, or forwarded to law enforcement officials as the circumstances may warrant. Possession of illegal or unauthorized items on school property may result in disciplinary measures up to and including expulsion and/or law enforcement charges against the student responsible for bringing the vehicle onto District property, in possession the vehicle or student(s) occupying the vehicle.

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