

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND THEIR POSSESSIONS***

POLICY - **JIHE***

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School personnel will undertake a search of a student or their possessions only if they have "reasonable grounds" for such an activity. For the purposes of this policy "reasonable grounds" will be evidence of activity contrary to school and/or Division policy or regulation or activity that may adversely affect either the degree of safety and/or order within the school as determined, without limiting the significance of the foregoing, by:

- the observations of a staff member
- information from a student considered to be credible
- information from more than one student

Any search conducted within the school or on school grounds should be approved by the Principal, or designate, and undertaken only if they consider the information received to be both credible and compelling. Searches undertaken by school personnel or school approved volunteers on school sanctioned trips or activities away from the school will be carried out under the same policies and regulations as would apply at the school.

There is no authority granted or implied for any arbitrary search of students, their possessions, their lockers or their desks.

