

1 **Potomac Elementary**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Searches and Seizure

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7 The following rules shall apply to any searches and the seizure of any property by school
8 personnel:

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- 10 1. The school authorities shall be authorized to conduct any searches or to seize property on
11 or near school premises, as further provided in this procedure.
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 - 13 2. If the school authorities have reasonable suspicion to believe that any locker, car, or other
14 container of any kind on school premises contains any item or substance which
15 constitutes an imminent danger to the health and safety of any person or to the property
16 of any person or the District, the school authority is authorized to conduct a search of any
17 car or container and to seize any such item or substance.
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 - 19 The authorized school authority may perform random searches of any locker, car, or
20 container of any kind on school premises without notice or consent.
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 - 22 3. If the authorized school authority has any reasonable suspicion to believe that any student
23 has any item or substance in his/her possession, which constitutes an imminent danger to
24 the property of any person or the District, the school authority is authorized to conduct a
25 search of any car or container and to seize any such item or substance.
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 - 27 4. No student shall hinder, obstruct, or prevent any search authorized by this procedure.
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 - 29 5. Whenever circumstances allow, any search or seizure authorized in this procedure shall
30 be conducted in the presence of at least one (1) adult witness, and a written record of the
31 time, date, and results shall be made by the school authority. A copy shall be forwarded
32 to the administrator as soon as possible.
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 - 34 6. In any instance where an item or substance is found which would appear to be in
35 violation of the law, the circumstance shall be reported promptly to the appropriate law
36 enforcement agency.
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 - 38 7. In any situation where the school authority is in doubt as to the propriety of proceeding
39 with any search or seizure, the school authority is authorized to report to and comply with
40 the directions of any public law enforcement agency.
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