

1 **COMMON POLICY FOR FRANKLIN CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION**
2 **ST. ALBANS TOWN EDUCATIONAL CENTER,**
3 **ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL, FAIRFIELD CENTER SCHOOL,**
4 **BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #48,**
5 **AND NORTHWEST TECHNICAL CENTER**

6 **CODE: F3**
7 **(RECOMMENDED)**

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9 **Search and Seizure by School Personnel**

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12 **Searches of School Property**

13 It is the responsibility of the Franklin Central Supervisory Union to maintain a safe learning environment. Each school
14 retains the right to examine its property at any time. Desks, lockers, textbooks, computers, and other materials or
15 supplies loaned by the school to students, remain the property of the school, and may be opened and inspected by
16 school employees at any time.

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18 **Student Search and Search and Seizure of Student Property**

19 Searches of students' persons, personal effects and vehicles¹ may be conducted where there are reasonable grounds
20 for suspecting at the time of initiating the search that the search will reveal evidence of a violation of law or of school
21 rules. The superintendent or his/her designee may consult with legal counsel and/or law enforcement when
22 considering whether or how to conduct a search of a student's person, personal effects or vehicle.

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24 **Failure to comply**

25 If a student should fail to comply with a request for a search of his/her person, personal effects or vehicle(s), the
26 student may be suspended for up to 10 days. Repeated offenses shall result in progressive discipline up to and including
27 a referral to the Board for an expulsion hearing. In an emergency situation, involvement of law enforcement officials
28 may be sought and a search shall be conducted.

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30 The Superintendent shall develop procedures to ensure that all searches of a student's person or searches and seizures
31 of a student's and student property are conducted in a manner that complies with state and federal constitutional
32 protections against unreasonable searches of students or searches and seizures of students' property in schools.

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34 Copies of this policy will be distributed to students when they enroll in school, and will be included in the student
35 handbook given to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.

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¹ Schools may obtain blanket permission to search vehicles that students drive to school and park in the school parking lot by requiring students to consent to such inspections as a condition of obtaining a permit for parking on school grounds. Without consent of this sort, school officials who wish to search student vehicles need reasonable suspicion that the search will provide evidence of a violation of law or school rules.

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