

# School/Public Safety

## Emergency/Fire Drills

In the event of a fire drill: follow the directions of your faculty who has been trained for such emergencies. Proceed to the assigned area as instructed. Not following the instructions of your faculty and fire drill procedures can endanger your safety and that of your classmates. Failure to comply with instructions and procedures may be cause for suspension. Pulling a fire alarm when an emergency does not exist is against the law. Students involved will be suspended from school.

Emergency drills will be scheduled and conducted each month during the school year. The purpose of a drill is to train students, under staff direction, to move safely, quickly, and quietly from any location within the building to an assigned evacuation area outside.

Evacuation routes are posted in each room. These routes will indicate the primary and alternate exits and the evacuation area to which the student should proceed upon leaving the building. During the first week of the school year, rules for emergency evacuation will be discussed in each class.

## Lock-Down

In the event of a lock-down, follow the directions of your faculty member who has been trained to provide you with the safest environment for your protection. Not following the instructions of your faculty and established lockdown procedures can endanger your safety and that of your classmates. Failure to comply with instructions and procedures can be cause for suspension.

## Search and Seizure

Students possess the right to privacy of person, as well as the freedom from unreasonable search and seizure of property as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. These individual rights, however, are balanced by the school's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff. A search of a student's person, bag, or purse shall be undertaken only if there is reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence that the student is violating the law or Board policy.

General searches of student property (including personal items found on school property) may be conducted at any time when there is reasonable suspicion for school employees to believe that something that violates a law or school rule is on school property.

The search of student property may be made without the student being present. School employees may seize illegal items or other possessions determined to be a threat to the safety and security of others, or might possibly interfere with school purposes. Items which are used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from a student's possession.