

POLICY
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SCHOOL AND WORKPLACE LOCKERS

Purpose

All lockers on the school premises are the property of the school district. These lockers are made available for use in storing outerwear, school supplies and/or personal items necessary for use at the School. The lockers are not to be used to store items which cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause an interference with school purposes or an educational function or which are forbidden by state law or school rules.

Policy

Students in every grade will be assigned a locker. Certain employees may also be assigned a locker.

Lockers in the school are and remain the property of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf and are in the care, custody and control of the Board of Trustees. Lockers are not private property. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of its lockers.

These lockers may be only used for items related to and for school or work. Items that may be stored include outer coats, boots, books, school supplies, backpacks, etc.

To avoid rodent and insect infestation, food products are not allowed in any locker overnight.

Lockers are not burglar proof, and students should not leave valuables such as money, and expensive personal property in the lockers. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase locks to secure their personal items. Students should not share their lockers or locker combinations with other students. Students must keep their possessions only in their assigned lockers, and are responsible for any assigned school property that may be taken from lockers.

The school is not responsible for any valuables left inside lockers.

No illegal, controlled substances such as alcohol, or non-prescribed drugs, and no prohibited articles such as weapons of any kind whatever may be stored in school lockers.

The school administration in each public school in Rhode Island has the right and responsibility to search lockers when there are reasonable grounds to believe that prohibited articles may be contained therein and to confiscate such articles. This may include cutting a lock for access.

Every effort will be made to have the student or employee present when lockers are searched, except in circumstances where either (a) the student or employee is unavailable; or (b) having the student or employee present might jeopardize the safety or welfare of those present in the school building, then the student or employee will be notified by the following school day; (c) where there is reasonable cause to suspect that there is something of immediate danger in the locker(s).

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