

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

RECOMMENDATION ON

BOARD POLICY

02-0039-000

**STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES-SEARCHES OF STUDENTS-SEARCH
AND SEIZURE BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

RETITLED TO

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

March 10, 2025

Background Information:

The Board maintains various policies of the Harford County Public Schools. These policies are either required by federal and state law and regulation, or are, in the Board's judgment necessary and appropriate for the school system to operate in a lawful, appropriate, and effective manner.

Discussion:

The Board Policy Review Committee, under the guidance of Kimberly H. Neal, Esquire, General Counsel for Harford County Public Schools, has worked closely with Mr. Donovan Brooks, Supervisor of Safety and Security, to revise the current policy entitled 02-0039-000 Student Rights and Responsibilities-Searches of Students-Search and Seizure by School Personnel. Due to the extent of the proposed revisions because of a changing world, it was decided that drafting a new policy would be more efficient than attempting to redline the current version. The last time this policy was approved by a Board was at the September 13, 2004, Board meeting. For additional clarity, it was determined that this policy should be retitled to Search and Seizure.

The revised policy was brought before the Board's Policy Review Committee for review at its December 11, 2024, meeting.

Attachments:

1. Current Board Policy 02-0039-000 Student Rights and Responsibilities-Searches of Students-Search and Seizure by School Personnel.
2. Proposed Revised Board Policy 02-0039-000 Student Rights and Responsibilities-Searches of Students-Search and Seizure by School Personnel.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends the following:

1. That the Board review for possible approval at a future meeting the proposed, revised policy entitled 02-0039-000 Student Rights and Responsibilities-Searches of Students-Search and Seizure by School Personnel to be retitled Search and Seizure.