

**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**

**April 14, 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.

This proposed policy was presented to the Board at the March 10, 2025, Board business meeting. This policy was posted for public comment for thirty (30) days. One (1) comment was received and forwarded to the Board for review.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed New Board Policy 02-0039-000 Search and Seizure.



**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the attached, proposed, revised, renamed Board policy entitled, 02-0039-000 Search and Seizure, and delete current Board policy 02-0039-000 Student Rights and Responsibilities-Searches of Students- Search and Seizure by School Personnel.