

Policy Type: Student Policy

Title: Searches for Controlled Substances and Weapons Policy

Effective: May 20th, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this Searches for Controlled Substances and Weapons Policy is to establish general expectations, responsibilities, and procedures for Custom Class Charter School (“Custom Class”) in a manner consistent with applicable law, Utah State Board of Education rule, and the school’s flexible instructional model.

1. General Policy Statement

Custom Class adopts this policy to support lawful, safe, effective, and mission-aligned school operations. The Governing Board authorizes school administration to implement this policy through procedures, forms, training, and operational practices that are appropriate for Custom Class’s online, hybrid, community-based, and in-person programs.

This policy is intended to be applied flexibly and reasonably. When operational details are not specifically stated in this policy, school administration may establish procedures consistent with the policy, applicable law, and Board direction.

2. Standard for Searches

Custom Class may search a student, student belongings, school property assigned to a student, electronic devices, vehicles on school property, or other areas under school control when permitted by law and when school officials have reasonable suspicion or another lawful basis for the search.

Searches shall be reasonable in scope and conducted in a manner that considers student age, privacy, safety, the nature of the suspected violation, and the urgency of the circumstances.

3. Controlled Substances and Weapons

Searches may be conducted to address suspected possession of controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarette products, weapons, dangerous items, stolen property, or other items prohibited by law or school policy. Law enforcement may be contacted when appropriate.

4. Documentation and Parent Notice

Searches and resulting actions should be documented. Parents may be notified when appropriate unless notification would compromise safety, law enforcement activity, or an investigation.

Administration and Review

School administration may maintain procedures, forms, training materials, agreements, and internal guidance necessary to implement this policy. The Governing Board may review and revise this policy periodically to reflect legal updates, USBE guidance, operational needs, or Board direction.

Nothing in this policy creates a private right of action, contract right, or entitlement beyond that required by applicable law. If any provision conflicts with controlling law, the law shall govern and the remaining provisions shall continue in effect.

Certification

The undersigned officers and/or Board of Directors of Custom Class Charter School certify that this policy was duly adopted as of the date below.

Signature:



Matthew J. Middione - Board Chair

Signature:



Douglas Reed - Board Vice Chair

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Revised Date:

References

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