

# **Silliman Institute: Search and Seizure Policy Amendment to Handbook 2/16/17**

## **SEARCH AND SEIZURE:**

Silliman Institute is co-tenant of lockers and desks located on its premises and reserves the right to search them at any time without notice.

Silliman school officials may search students, his/her belongings including but not limited to lockers, handbags, book bags, briefcases, and vehicles driven by the student if one or more of the following exists:

1. Students are informed in writing (Student Handbook) that searches may be conducted.
2. The Silliman administration and/or faculty has reasonable suspicion that contraband; illegal substances or stolen property are being concealed, or that a violation of a school rule has been committed.

Students are prohibited from bringing onto grounds or having on their persons or in their lockers, desks, automobiles parked on school grounds or elsewhere on school property any weapon, drugs, alcoholic beverages, pornographic or obscene material, fireworks, or any other object or material which would be a violation or evidence of a violation of any state law or school regulation.

School officials shall not search the person of any student or group of students except when the school official has reasonable suspicion, under all circumstances, to believe that the student is carrying on his person material or objects in violation of law or of school regulations. Law enforcement officials will be contacted for suspected violations of local, state, or federal law.

Desks, lockers and other equipment at school belong to the school and although assigned to particular students to use may be entered and searched by school officials at any time.

Any automobile parked on school property by a student may also be searched by school officials. If the automobile is locked, student shall unlock it upon request of school officials. At any time throughout the school year, drug dogs may be brought on to campus as a preventative measure.

At any time that students are representing, attending, or participating in a Silliman Institute activity or event on or off campus, the students are subject to the same rules and policies of the school. This includes, but is not limited to, athletic events, dances, field trips, etc. Search and seizure applies during said times, as those venues are considered to be an extension of the school.