

PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM 20

Cadet Name Last, First, MI

SUBJECT: SEARCHES AND SEIZURES

1. To maintain the discipline, welfare and safety of the cadets, and school personnel, Massanutten Military Academy (MMA) will perform unannounced physical searches of students, student's rooms and belongings, and of all Academy property. This form may not be modified. The Agreement of this policy and signature of this form is mandatory for enrollment.

2. No student may possess any unauthorized items; any illegal substance, objects, weapons or contraband. Contraband is all substances or materials prohibited by school policy or state or federal law, including but not limited to controlled substances, drugs, drug paraphernalia, prescription drugs, alcoholic beverages, aerosol cans, cigarettes, guns, knives, weapons, or incendiary devices. This prohibition includes toy guns, knives and all items shown on the Academy's "Unauthorized items List." All prohibited items will be confiscated by staff. Destruction of all confiscated items shall be directed by the MMA President or his designated agent. The possession of illegal substances and/or weapons will be reported to the police and may lead to dismissal from the Academy.

3. MMA has the right to perform random and directed searches as follows:

a. Personal Searches

- (1) All personal searches must be approved by the President, the Vice President or the Commandant of Cadets.
- (2) A cadet's person, personal effects (e.g., footlocker, suitcase, backpack, purse, and pockets) may be searched by a staff or faculty member to determine whether the student is in possession of contraband. Searches may be performed without notice, without consent and without a search warrant.
- (3) All personal searches will be performed in a manner that is respectful of the norms of decency. An Academy staff or faculty member, of the same gender as the cadet being searched, will conduct the search in private, with another adult witness of the same gender present. Under no circumstances will a body cavity or strip search be permitted unless conducted by law enforcement personnel.

- a. Area Searches: A cadet's room, locker, desk, etc., are the property of MMA and are at all times under the control of the Academy. Academy staff and/or faculty may perform general inspections of rooms, lockers and desks at any time without notice, without student consent and without a search warrant. Cadets are permitted to lock lockers only with a lock purchased from the Academy. Unapproved locks will be removed and destroyed.

- b. Automobile Searches: Day cadets may be permitted to drive to school each day and park on MMA premises as a matter of privilege, not of right. Permission to park on school property is granted only after the cadet driver, the owner of the vehicle and the cadet's parent or guardian have signed a written consent to allow the search of the vehicle. Refusal to allow the search of a vehicle will cause the termination the cadet's privilege of driving to school and parking on Academy property.

4. I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by Massanutten Military Academy's Search and Seizure Policies and Procedures. This agreement is valid and remains in effect for the entire period that my son/daughter remains at the Academy.

Cadet Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ Date_____