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The privilege of bringing a student-operated vehicle onto school premises is hereby conditioned on consent by the student driver to allow the search of that motor vehicle when there is reasonable cause for a search of that motor vehicle. The act of bringing a motor vehicle upon school premises will allow school officials to presume consent by the student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle for a search of that motor vehicle. Refusal by a student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle to allow access to a motor vehicle on school premises at the time of a request to search the motor vehicle will be cause for termination, without further hearing, of the privilege of bringing a motor vehicle onto school premises. The Principal, or a building administrator, may request a law enforcement officer to search a motor vehicle on school premises, subject to provisions of this policy.

(cf. 5145.12 – Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.  
*New Jersey vs. T.L.O.*, 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1985)

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