

Students

Electronic Scanning: Metal Detectors

The Board of Education grants authorization to conduct random or reasonable suspicion screening in its facilities and school-sponsored events subject to the following conditions. All searches are to be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth below.

1. Written notice shall be given to parents and students, at some point during the school year, searches may be conducted. Signs will also be posted at the main entrance to District buildings stating that (a) persons entering the building may be subject to search with a metal detector as a condition of entry, and (b) those entering the building shall be deemed to have consented to a searching of their persons and belongings by a metal detector.
2. Any search must include all students entering the school or school sponsored-event, or if that is not feasible, a random basis shall be used, such as every second or third or fifth student. Staff may not select students apart from that random process unless they have reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is carrying a weapon.
3. Students shall be searched only by staff of the same gender when hand-held metal detectors are used.
4. Staff involved with the implementation of this policy shall undergo training in applying the reasonable suspicion standard. Staff who have not undergone such training are not permitted to conduct reasonable suspicion searches.
5. If, after conduction the search with metal detectors it is determined that the object that triggered the detector is not a weapon, there shall be no further search of that student.
 - a. If a student refuses to remove an object that is triggering the metal detector, the staff may escort that student to a private area and there conduct a pat-down search to determine what the object is. If at that point it is determined that the object is not a weapon, all search should end; otherwise staff should proceed in accordance with the guidelines which the Administration has developed. All pat-down searches of students shall be conducted by staff of the same gender.

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Legal Reference:

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