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USE OF METAL DETECTORS

The Board of Education authorizes the use of metal detectors, including but not limited to wands, hand-held detectors or scanners, stationary and portable metal detectors and magnetometers in any school district facilities or grounds. Use of metal detecting devices by the school district shall be for the purposes of preventing from use and presence on school property weapons, drugs and other contraband which violates state law or Board of Education policy.

At the direction of the Superintendent, and in accordance with this policy, the district may employ the use of metal detectors to perform non-invasive searches on students, employees, and the public upon entrance to a district building, athletic site, or district sponsored off-campus event. The Board of Education directs the superintendent to post signs outside all school buildings and facilities clearly notifying entrants they are subject to scanning by a metal detector.

Metal detection scans may be performed on every person entering a district facility for any specific event, including a regular school day, or any specific time of day. Metal detection scans may also be performed in a random, non-discriminatory manner, unless reasonable suspicion exists for singling out a specific person or persons. Examples of appropriate random intervals include, but are not limited to, every third person entering a building, all individuals on every other school bus arriving to campus, etc. In the event a scan is performed using a metal detection wand, scans should not make contact with the individual's body.

Teachers, support employees, building administrators, and non-credentialed security personnel may assist in the use of metal detectors. School resource officers or other credentialed law enforcement officers assigned to duty at one or more district sites are not permitted to use school district metal detection devices. All personnel using metal detectors on school grounds or in school buildings or facilities must be trained and proficient in the use of such devices, including the methodology of the conduct of a proper and lawful metal detection scan.

Students refusing to submit to a metal detection scan will be subject to discipline in accordance with other Board of Education policies, including Policy 564.1. Employees and members of the public refusing a metal detection scan will be denied entrance to district property and may be referred to law enforcement.

As used in this policy, "district property" or "district facility" shall include school sponsored, off-campus events.

See also Policy 564.1 Student Search and Seizure