

**REGULATIONS - USE OF METAL DETECTORS**

The following procedures for the use of metal detectors in the schools are developed pursuant to Policy JFGC, *Use of Metal Detectors*. The superintendent may modify or expand these procedures in any manner consistent with Policy JFGC, *Use of Metal Detectors*.

A notice will be posted in a central location at each school stating that weapons are not permitted at school and that students may be required to submit to a metal detector check. In addition, the metal detector policy will be included in future publications of the Student-Parent Guide for code of conduct.

Metal Detector Checks of Classes of Students

1. When an administrator decides to conduct a group metal detector check, he or she will select the class(es) to be checked at random by blindly drawing one or more classrooms from all of the classrooms within the school. The drawing shall be conducted in the presence of another certificated staff member.
2. Before conducting the metal detector checks, the participating administrator or security officer will enter the classroom and explain the scanning process to students in the class, emphasizing that the checks are intended to maintain safe schools.
3. An administrator or security officer will check each student by visually searching the student's desk and then escorting the student with his/her personal effects into the hall to proceed with the metal detector check. A staff member will closely observe students at their desks to make sure that no objects are removed from pockets or personal effects.
4. In the hall, the administrator or security officer will ask the student to remove all metal-containing objects from his or her clothing and personal effects. The administrator or security officer will then scan the student **without touching his or her body** and scan the outside of the student's personal effects. The metal detector scan of the student's person will be done by a staff member who is the same sex as the student.
5. If the metal detector is activated during the scanning of the student's effects, the administrator or security officer will open the bag, purse, etc., and look for weapons. If the metal detector is activated during the scanning of the student's person, the student will be given a second opportunity to remove any metal-containing objects from his/her person. If the metal detector is again

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activated, a same-sex administrator or security officer will conduct a pat-down search of the student's outer clothing in the area where the metal detector was activated. The pat-down search will be done in the presence of a staff witness. If the administrator or security officer feels an object on the student's person, the student will be given another opportunity to remove the object.

Metal Detector Checks of Individual Students

Before conducting a metal detector check of an individual student, the administrator or security officer must have individualized reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of an illegal or unauthorized metal-containing object or weapon. The provisions of the Board policy regarding personal searches shall be followed under these circumstances.

If a properly conducted search yields a weapon or any other illegal material, it shall be turned over to the proper legal authorities for ultimate disposition. If the object found also violates a school rule, the student may be suspended pending the principal's recommendation for expulsion.

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