

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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USE OF METAL DETECTORS

In view of the escalating concern for the possibility of weapons in our schools, the Board of School Trustees authorizes the use of hand-held or walk-through metal detectors to check a student's person or personal effects as follows:

1. When the administration has reasonable suspicion to believe that weapons are in the possession of unidentified students, when there has been a pattern of weapons found at school, when violence involving weapons has occurred at the school, or when there is reason to believe that a weapon or weapons may be brought on to school property, the administration is authorized to use stationary or mobile metal detectors in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. Any search of a student's person as a result of the activation of the detector will be conducted in private and in accordance with the policy on personal searches.
2. School officials or law enforcement officers may conduct metal detector checks of groups of individuals if the checks are done in a minimally-intrusive, nondiscriminatory manner (i.e., on all students in a randomly selected class; on every third individual entering an athletic event).
3. If a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that a particular student is in possession of an illegal or unauthorized metal-containing object or weapon, he or she may conduct a metal detector check of the student's person and personal effects.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for implementing this policy.

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