



Book	BYLAWS AND POLICIES
Section	5000 STUDENTS
Title	Use of Metal Detection Devices with Students and "Pat Downs" or Searches of Students
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I. Routine Use of Metal Detectors

In light of the concern both locally and nationally about violence and the possession of weapons in schools, the Board authorizes the use of hand-held or walk-through metal detectors to check a student's person or personal possessions in accordance with this policy.

School officials or law enforcement officials may conduct metal detector checks of groups of students in a minimally intrusive, random, and nondiscriminatory manner. These routine and random metal detector checks may not be used to single out a particular student or category of students.

The location at a school or other facility for the use of the metal detectors will be determined based on safety, the privacy and dignity of students, and weather conditions. Metal checks authorized under this subsection will not be conducted in the classrooms.

Random or routine "pat downs" or searches are not authorized.

II. Use of Metal Detectors Based on Reasonable Suspicion

When there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a particular student or group of students is in possession of an illegal or unauthorized metal-containing object or weapon, the student(s) may be required to submit to a metal detector check.

III. "Pat Downs" and Searches

If a metal detector check results in activation, or if reasonable suspicion otherwise exists, a principal or law enforcement officer may conduct a "pat down" or, if necessary, a search of the student's person and/or personal possessions. Any such "pat down" or search shall be conducted in a manner that preserves the student's privacy and dignity to the extent feasible.

The Executive Director, CEO or his designee shall revise existing, and/or develop new, Administrative Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures to ensure this policy is properly and lawfully implemented.