

Students**Use of Metal Detectors**

The Board of Education is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of all children, staff and visitors of the school district. The Board authorizes the school district administration to use walk-through and/or hand-held metal detectors at any school district activity and in the school district's buildings or on school grounds. These metal detectors may be used for entrance into a school building, on school grounds or at any school district activity where the Superintendent or his/her designee believes a security threat may be present.

Persons entering a school building or attending a school activity may be subject to daily, regular, or random screening with a metal detector. The metal detector may be a walk-through, hand-held, or other type of metal detection device. The Superintendent or designee shall determine if the screening shall be daily, regular, or random upon evaluating the security threat posed by the situation at the time. The screenings may take place before entering a school building, gaining access to school grounds, being admitted to a school activity, boarding or unloading a school bus, and/or before gaining access to any other location and/or activity sponsored by the school district.

Refusal of a student or any individual to permit a metal detector check, as provided in this policy, may result in exclusion from school, school grounds and any school sponsored activity.

The Superintendent may recommend the Board purchase metal detectors approved for the school district's intended use; shall schedule training and re-training for all personnel using metal detectors; shall provide additional training for all personnel trained and authorized to use metal detectors in the event there is a security breach near or at the location of a metal detector; and shall coordinate all school district metal detector tests in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the manufacturer's specifications.

The police will be immediately contacted in the event a person is found to have in their possession any item that poses a threat to the security of the person(s) or others.

Upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, students and parents/guardians shall receive notice that the district uses metal detector checks as part of its program to promote safety and deter the presence of weapons.

cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

54-33n Search of school lockers and property

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

New Jersey v. T.L.O., 469 US 325; 105 S.CT. 733

New Jersey v. T.L.O., 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1985)

PA 94-115 An Act Concerning School Searches

Policy adopted:

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