LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: METAL DETECTORS

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226.3. METAL DETECTORS

1. Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee is committed to maintaining the safest possible environment for students, staff, and community members.

2. Definition

Metal detector means a portable, hand-held scanning device that detects metal.

3. Authority

A metal detector as defined above may be used for purposes of determining if a student is in possession of a weapon. The Joint Operating Committee has balanced the limited intrusion of a metal detector upon individual freedom against the vital public interest in preserving an appropriate learning environment and to maintain safe schools.

4. Guidelines

The student shall be informed why the school official has reason to believe that the student ~~is~~ may be in possession of a weapon. The setting off of a walk-thru metal detector shall be deemed a reason to believe that the student may be in possession of a weapon. The student will be given an opportunity to produce the weapon. The student shall be advised that if s/he does not produce a weapon or denies that s/he has one, a metal detector may be used to detect the presence of same.

If the metal detector is activated, the student may be asked to remove the object. If the student declines to remove the object, the school official shall advise the student that the police and the student's parent/guardian will be immediately called to appear at school.