

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 8.37
ELECTRONIC SCANNING: METAL DETECTORS**

The Board grants authorization to conduct random screening at middle and high schools with metal detectors when there is reasonable cause to believe that the safety of the students may be in question, subject to the following conditions. All searches are to be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth below.

(1) Written notice shall be given to parents and students of the school that, at some point during the school year, random searches may be conducted. Signs shall be posted at all times advising people who enter schools that random searches for weapons may be conducted.

(2) Any search must include all students entering the school, or if that is not feasible, a random basis shall be used, such as every second or third or fifth student. Staff may not select students apart from that random process unless they have reasonable suspicion to believe that that student is carrying a weapon.

(3) Students shall be searched only by staff of the same sex when hand-held metal detectors are used.

(4) Staff involved with the implementation of this policy shall undergo training in applying the reasonable suspicion standard.

(5) If, after conducting the search with metal detectors it is determined that the object that triggered the detector is not a weapon, there shall be no further search of that student.

(7) If a student refuses to remove an object that is triggering the metal detector, the staff may escort that student to a private area and there conduct a pat-down search to determine what the object is. If at that point it is determined that the object is not a weapon, all search should end; otherwise, the staff should proceed in accordance with the guidelines which the Administration has developed. When a pat-down search is conducted, it must be conducted by a staff member of the same sex, and there must be a second staff person present.

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