

**Use of Metal
Detectors**

**Possible Search
Methods**

The following is a list of potential metal detector search methods:

1. Allow students to enter only at specified times and only through specified entrances. All students are screened daily as they enter the building.
2. Allow students to enter only at specified times and only through specified entrances. All students are screened on randomly selected days as they enter the building.
3. Screen all students arriving through a particular entrance (e.g., the north and west entrances).

In any of these methods, the operator could be instructed to screen only every other student or every fifth student.

**Notification When
Magnetometers Are
Used**

If a magnetometer is to be used in a particular school, the students will be notified of its use via loudspeaker, at an assembly, or by similar means. On the day of its use, signs will be posted to warn students that each student might be required to submit to a screening for metal as a condition of entering the building.

**Nonrandom
Searches of
Students**

A particular student may be singled out to be searched with a magnetometer only if there exists a reasonable suspicion that the individual to be searched possesses a prohibited weapon.

**Searches of
Students –
Reasonable
Suspicion**

A search of a student may occur only when the student is on District premises, or while the student is attending a school-sponsored or school-related event, either on or off school property.

The following rules will apply when the Superintendent, a principal, or other authorized personnel detain and search a student:

1. Authorized personnel may search a student whenever the student consents to such a search; however, consent will not be obtained through threats or coercion.
2. In the absence of consent, a search may occur when an authorized person has reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of:
 - a. Alcohol;
 - b. A prohibited weapon;
 - c. Controlled substances or illegal drugs as defined by law;
 - d. Stolen property, if the property in question is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school

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- employee, or the school during school or school activities;
- e. Any other item that has been or may reasonably be expected to be disruptive of school operations; or
 - f. Any other item for which possession by a student is listed as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
3. If the search yields contraband, authorized personnel have the authority to detain the student and to preserve any contraband seized.
 4. Any search of a student will be conducted by an authorized person who is of the same sex as the student and will be witnessed by at least one other authorized person who is of the same sex as the student. In the event an authorized person of the same sex is not available to witness the search, the witness may be an authorized person of the opposite sex.
 5. Strip searches are prohibited. No clothing, except cold weather outer garments, socks and shoes, will be removed before or during a search.

Disciplinary Action

Any student found to be in possession of an item prohibited in the Student Code of Code will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.