

Weapon Detection System

I. Purpose

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of students and staff. As part of the District's comprehensive safety efforts, the Board authorizes the use of weapon detection systems as a reasonable administrative measure to deter and detect weapons and other prohibited items on District property and at school-sponsored activities.

II. Scope

The District reserves the right to determine when, where, and how weapon detection systems are utilized. Implementation may vary across buildings and events and may change as safety needs, operational considerations, and available resources evolve.

This policy applies to all individuals entering District property or attending school-sponsored activities where weapon detection systems are in use.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- a) Firearms, knives, or other weapons,
- b) Dangerous instruments or objects that could cause harm to others, and
- c) Any item prohibited by District policy or applicable law.

Any prohibited item discovered through the weapon detection screening process will be confiscated and handled in accordance with District Policy and applicable law.

III. Screening Procedures

1. All individuals entering a District building or event during designated screening times must be screened by a weapon detection system, which may include a walk-through or hand-held metal detector.
2. Individuals who refuse to comply with screening procedures shall be denied entry to the building or school-sponsored activity.
3. Students and staff who refuse to be screened will be subject to disciplinary actions.
4. Individuals shall retain possession of their personal belongings, including but not limited to backpacks, purses, and laptop bags, unless otherwise directed by staff.
5. Individuals may be required to remove large metal objects from their person prior to screening.

6. If the detection device alerts, the individual will be directed to a designated secondary screening area. Secondary screening may include the use of a hand-held metal detector and/or visual inspection of personal belongings.
7. If a prohibited item is discovered, administration, School Resource Officer(s) and/or local law enforcement must be contacted immediately.

All screening procedures shall be conducted:

1. By personnel who are appropriately trained in the operation of the weapon detection equipment and applicable legal standards governing searches.
2. In a manner that is respectful of personal dignity and minimally intrusive under the circumstances, and
3. In a reasonable and non-discriminatory manner, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or other protected characteristic under state or federal law.

IV. Training

The Student Safety Manager shall ensure that staff assigned to implement this policy are appropriately trained in the operation of weapon detection systems and the procedures outlined herein.

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