

Search and Seizure Process/Metal Detectors

Consistent with the provisions in policy 09.436, authorized school personnel may authorize the use of metal detectors for weapons (as prohibited by KRS 527.070 or the District Code of Conduct) searches as follows:

- Search all students entering the premises;
- Search students on a random basis, provided a non-discriminatory, random selection process is used; or
- Search an individual student when there is reasonable suspicion to believe the student is concealing a weapon as prohibited by KRS 527.070 or the District Code of Conduct.

Authorized school personnel shall use the following procedures when conducting metal detector searches of students in school or on school property:

- Authorized school personnel shall be trained in the use of the metal detector equipment to be used.;
- Searches shall be reasonable in scope and duration, shall not be excessively intrusive;
- Prior to the beginning of the search, students will be asked to remove all objects containing metal from their pockets;
- If a metal detector is activated during the initial search of a student, the search may be repeated;
- If the student continues to activate the device, a pat-down search may be conducted;
- Any search of a student's person as the result of the activation of the detector will be conducted in private by authorized school personnel of the same sex of the student.
- A witness of the same sex as the student shall be present when a personal search is conducted;
- All searches shall terminate after the item that activated the device has been located; and
- Students and parents shall be notified that metal detectors may be used in schools and on school property, the reason for their use, and the circumstances under which they will be used.