

## **STUDENTS**

### **SUBJECT: Campus Safety**

Students shall not possess weapons or dangerous devices of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at any school related or school-sponsored activity away from school unless written permission has been obtained from the school principal to possess such objects. Principals may permit the possession of weapons or dangerous instruments at school only at the request of a teacher and with assurance that such possession serves a positive educational purpose.

Weapons and dangerous devices include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms such as pistols, revolvers, shotguns, BB guns, rifles, "zip guns", "stun guns", tasers, or any device capable of chemically propelling a projectile.
2. Cutting and puncturing devices such as dirks, daggers, knives, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, throwing stars, razors or any metal device with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon.
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices such as pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, fireworks or other hazardous devices.
4. Other weapons such as blackjacks, slingshots, billy clubs, nunchakus, sandclubs, sandbags, or metal knuckles.

School employees may confiscate weapons or dangerous devices from any person on school grounds. A school employee confiscating any weapon or dangerous device shall deliver it to the school principal or designee as soon as reasonably possible. When informing the principal or designee about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee, student, or parent shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure or identification of type of weapon or dangerous device.

### **Metal Detector Search Program**

The metal detector search program is designed to deter the presence of weapons and dangerous devices thereby deter violence and serious physical injury in schools. The search procedure may include all individuals or a random sampling. The procedure is not to be used to focus on particular individuals without reasonable suspicion.

The following procedures govern the metal detectors search program:

- 1. Intrusion of Privacy** - Reasonable effort shall be made to minimize the intrusion of privacy from metal detector scans. The metal detector or screening device is used

only to determine whether a further physical search is necessary. Students/individuals who do not activate the metal detector would not be subject to any further search without reasonable cause.

2. Prior Notice - The school principal shall provide each student and his or her parents or guardians with advance written notice, in the primary language of the pupil if practical, that metal detector searches will take place under specified circumstances at school or school-related activities. Such circumstances could include:
  - a. Upon entrance into or while present on the campus or school buildings.
  - b. Upon entrance into or while present at a special event or athletic contest.
  - c. Upon reasonable suspicion that a student or individual is in possession of a weapon or dangerous device.

Examples of notice that would fulfill the requirement of prior notice include, but are not limited to:

- a. Written notice at the beginning of each school year.
  - b. Notice in school and local newspapers.
  - c. Notice in daily bulletin or public address announcement.
  - d. Notice attached to game or event ticket.
  - e. Notice attached to game or event flyers or brochures.
  - f. Signs attached to school or event location entrances.
  - g. Signs attached to ticket booths or windows.
3. Random Application or Established Procedures - The principal or designee may randomly search students or other persons at school or school activities so long as arbitrary discretion was not employed in selecting which specific person would be searched.
4. Search Procedures
  - a. Only designated school personnel shall conduct a metal detector scan.
  - b. Efforts shall be made during the scanning process to avoid having the scanning equipment come into contact with the individual being scanned.
  - c. School personnel conducting the scan will explain the process and give direction as necessary.
  - d. School personnel will request individuals to remove metal objects from their pockets prior to scanning.
  - e. Responses to activation of the metal detector

- ( 1 ) Purse, book bag or parcel - If the scanner is activated while scanning a book bag, purse, or parcel, its owner will be requested to open it and empty the contents. School personnel conducting the scan shall examine the contents for weapons or other dangerous devices.
  - ( 2 ) If the metal detector activates on a person and the source of the alarm is not apparent (e.g. jewelry or belt buckle), school personnel conducting the scan will direct the individual to remove any remaining metal object(s) from his/her person and will conduct a second scan. If the detector activates again, the principal or principal's designee shall direct the individual to a separate and private area to conduct an expanded search
- f. Discovery of prohibited items (weapons, dangerous devices, drugs, etc.)
- (1) When an individual is found to be in possession of prohibited item(s), the principal or principal's designee shall immediately follow appropriate Board of Education policies and regulations. The custody of prohibited item(s) shall be transferred to local law enforcement officials after a photograph or photo copy of the item(s) is taken
  - (2) In cases where local law enforcement officials do not take action because the suspected item(s) are determined not to be illegal and the item(s) is only prohibited by the Education Code, the Board of Education or school policies/regulations, the principal or principal's designee shall confiscate the item(s) and return it to the individual after the school day or event or return it to the individual's parents or guardians.
- g. Nothing in the procedures set forth above shall limit the authority of a principal or his/her designee to search an individual when there is a reasonable suspicion that a particular individual is in possession of a weapon or any other dangerous device.