

StudentsStudent Searches and Metal Detectors

To ensure that school buildings remain safe and free from dangerous objects and paraphernalia, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of metal detectors to conduct lawful searches of students on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school activity. The following procedures will be implemented for metal detectors at Scottsbluff Public Schools:

1. Prior to any student being screened by a metal detector, the District will provide written notice to all students and parents/**guardians** about the use of metal detectors in school. Said notice may be incorporated into the Parent-Student Handbook, emailed to parents/**guardians**, and/or posted on signage around school buildings. Such notice shall be issued at least once each school year.
2. District staff may conduct screenings based on:
 - a. Reasonable suspicion; and/or,
 - b. A random, nondiscriminatory basis, so long as no individual is targeted.
3. Any individual subject to a metal detector screening must bring their personal belongings (coat, backpack, purse, gym bag, and the like) to the location where the screening will be performed. Said items may be subject to a metal detector screening.
4. All persons subject to a metal detector screening are required to remove any metal or dangerous objects from their person and/or personal belongings prior to the screening. After removing any such metal or dangerous objects, the person will be subjected to the metal detector screening.
5. If the metal detector activates during a screening, then such person will be subject to additional screening and/or further search by district personnel.
6. Any person found to be in possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon will be immediately removed from school grounds and shall be subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action pursuant to applicable law and Student Code of Conduct.
7. Individuals found to be in possession of other unauthorized items (such as drugs) will be subject to disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or immediate removal from school grounds.
8. Any student who refuses to submit to a search consistent with these procedures will be subject to a search of his/her personal and belongings, and any other appropriate disciplinary action by school administration. Other persons (such as visitors) who refuse to submit to a search consistent with these procedures will be refused entry and escorted off school grounds immediately.

9. No student will be subjected to a metal detector screening based on any discriminatory or unlawful reason.
10. Nothing in this policy shall preclude or preempt any Individualized Education Plan, 504 Plan, or other legal requirements under the applicable special education laws.
11. Nothing in this policy precludes the District from conducting other lawful searches or activities in an effort to keep school safe and free from dangerous weapons.

Legal Reference: [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-267](#)
 [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-1204.04](#)

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