

To ensure that school buildings remain safe and free from dangerous objects, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of handheld metal detectors or similar devices (such as wands and sensors) 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 handheld metal detectors and similar devices at Kearney Public Schools:

1. Prior to any student being screened by a metal detector or similar devices, the District will provide written notice to all students and parents about the use of handheld metal detectors in school. Said notice will be incorporated into the student handbook and will also be provided upon a parent or guardian's request.
2. District staff who have been trained or are authorized to use a metal detector or similar device may conduct screenings based on reasonable suspicion.
3. District staff, to include School Safety Coordinator, School Resource Officers, and/or Building Administrators, may participate in training on the use of hand-held metal detectors provided by the district Safety Coordinators or law enforcement.
4. 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, but personal belongings will not be opened or searched without reasonable suspicion.
5. 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.
6. If the metal detector activates during a screening, then such a person will be subject to additional screening and/or further search by District personnel or law enforcement.
7. Any person found to be in possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon will be immediately removed from school grounds and may be subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action pursuant to applicable law and Student Code of Conduct.
8. Any student who refuses to submit to a search consistent with these procedures may 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 may be refused entry and escorted off school grounds immediately.
9. 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.
10. No student will be subjected to a metal detector screening based on any discriminatory or unlawful reason.
11. Nothing in this Policy shall preclude or preempt any Individualized Education Plan, 504 Plan, or other legal requirements under the applicable special education laws.
12. 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.

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### **Searches of Lockers and Other Types of Searches**

In accordance with state and federal law, school administrators are authorized to conduct searches of students and their property as well as property of the district in order to enforce compliance with statutes, policies and rules. A search may be conducted for reasons that include, but are not limited to, safety, health and discovery of the violation of a statute, policy, or rule. To ensure that school buildings remain safe and free from dangerous objects, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of handheld metal detectors to conduct lawful searches of students on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school activity. Students are not permitted to bring any authorized objects to school.