

Students

Search and Seizure

Use of Metal Detecting Devices

When the administration has reasonable suspicion that a weapon or electronic smoking device is in the possession of a particular student, the administration shall be authorized to use handheld metal detecting wands in accordance with the procedures developed by the Board. Any search of a student's person or effects as a result of the activation of the handheld wand shall be conducted in private in accordance with the policy on personal searches.

A student's failure to permit a scan with a handheld wand as provided in this policy shall be considered grounds for disciplinary action.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for implementing this policy.

At a minimum, upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, students and parents/guardians shall receive notice that the district uses handheld wands as part of its program to promote safety and deter the use of weapons and electronic smoking devices. Signs shall be posted at all schools to explain that, upon reasonable suspicion, anyone may be subject to search when on campus or attending athletic or extracurricular events.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

New Jersey v T.L.O., 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1985)

PA 94-115 An Act Concerning School Searches.

Policy Adopted:

**BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bristol, Connecticut**

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Metal Detector Checks of Individual Students

Before conducting a metal detector check of an individual student, the administrator or officer must have individualized reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of an illegal or unauthorized metal-containing weapon or electronic smoking device. The provisions of the Board Policy regarding personal searches shall be followed under these circumstances.

If a properly conducted search yields a weapon or any other illegal material, it shall be turned over to the proper legal authorities for ultimate disposition.

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