

Policy #: 446.3

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER

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Policy Title: Metal Detectors

The Board grants authorization to staff to use metal detectors in the following situations:

- A. To search a student and their personal belongings when there is reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of an object in violation of school rules.
- B. To search students and their personal belongings who have previously been found in violation of school rules regarding weapons, substances used for impairment, or have made threatening statements about the school or any person affiliated with the district.
- C. To search students and their personal belongings at random if they believe that the safety of the students may be in question.

All searches are to be conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth below:

(1) Written notice shall be given to parents and students of the school that searches using metal detectors may be conducted.

(2) Any random search may include all students entering the school, or if that is not feasible, a random basis shall be used, such as every second or third or fifth student. Staff may not select students apart from that random process unless they have reasonable suspicion to believe that that student is carrying a weapon.

(3) Students selected for a search may choose the gender of the staff member that will conduct the search.

(4) Staff involved with the implementation of this policy shall undergo training in applying the reasonable suspicion standard and in using the scanning device.

(5) If a student refuses to remove an object that is triggering the metal detector, the staff may escort that student to a private area and there conduct a pat-down search to determine what the object is. When a pat-down search is conducted, it must be conducted by a staff member of the same sex, and there must be a second staff person present. A police officer may participate in the search if requested by the school official.

Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

WISCONSIN STATUTES

- [Section 118.32](#) [strip search by school employees]
- [Section 118.325](#) [locker searches]
- [Section 948.50](#) [criminal penalties; strip search by school employees]

Federal Laws

- [U.S. Constitution, 4th Amendment](#) [protection from unreasonable search and seizure]