

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Students
SEARCH AND SEIZUREUse of Metal Detectors

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following safeguards are used when County Superintendent staff make metal detector scans:

1. Before walk-through, individuals shall be asked to empty their pockets and belongings of metallic objects.
2. If an initial metal detector activation occurs, individuals shall be asked to remove other metallic objects that they may be wearing (e.g., belt and jewelry) and to walk through a second time.
3. If a second activation occurs, a hand-held metal detector shall be used.
4. If the activation is not eliminated or explained, staff shall escort the individual to a private area where an expanded search shall be conducted by a staff member of the same gender as the individual in the presence of another County Superintendent employee.
5. The search shall be limited to the detection of the cause of the activation.

Notifications

At the beginning of each school year and upon enrollment, the County Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians about the County Superintendent's policies and procedures for searches, including notice regarding:

1. The possibility of random searches of students, their belongings, their vehicles parked on County Superintendent property, and County Superintendent properties under a student's control, including lockers or desks.
2. The use of metal detector scans.

In addition, the County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at all schools at which metal detectors are to be used to explain that anyone may be scanned by metal detector for guns, knives, or other illegal weapons when on campus or attending athletic or extracurricular events.

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