

CENTRAL FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SCHOOL SECURITY
SCREENING - METAL
DETECTORS/SCANNERS

ADOPTED: April 8, 2008

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>226.1. SCHOOL SECURITY SCREENING - METAL DETECTORS/SCANNERS</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe environment for learning and to protect the physical safety of school students, teachers, administrators and other employees in district schools by preventing weapons and other contraband from being brought into the schools. This will be accomplished by detecting and confiscating prohibited items, as well as the psychological deterrent created by this policy.</p> <p>Total Screening - each student will be screened for metal objects as they enter the school building.</p> <p>Random Screening - a predetermined number will be selected prior to the beginning of the screening process. For example, if the number five (5) is chosen, every fifth student will be screened.</p> <p>Random screening does not preclude taking action on a particular student, or students, should their actions give rise to reasonable suspicion.</p> <p>Screening Process - as the student enters the school building, they shall be required to place all bookbags, handbags and other hand-carried items on a table for visual screening and search. Students will empty their pockets and place items contained therein on a tray or in a basket. A metal scanner will be passed over the outside of their person and clothing.</p> <p>Traffic Flow - all screening arrangements essentially deal with three (3) streams of traffic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean Flow - those who pass through screening and no metal object of contraband is detected and hand-carried items pass visual screening and search. 2. Explainable Alarm - those who set off the alarm of metal detector but student can explain and/or demonstrate the cause of the alarm. 3. Unexplainable Alarm - those who set off an alarm when passing through the detector and are unable to explain satisfactorily the cause of the alarm.
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<p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 218, 218.1</p>	<p>The school security screening scheduling will be coordinated between the Superintendent and/or designee and the Commander of the local State Police station. If the school screening is to take place at a building where a municipal department has primary jurisdiction, the Chief of Police will be contacted and required to forward the request for screening to the appropriate State Police station Commander.</p> <p>Screening programs can also be utilized if information is received, or administrations have probable cause to suspect, that an emergency situation could arise that would cause disruption at any school-sponsored, related, or sanctioned meeting, activity, or event.</p> <p>If a weapon is found, appropriate action shall be taken in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, Board policy, memorandums of understanding between the school and law enforcement, and local and state laws.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Board Policy – 218, 218.1</p>
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