

## ? FAQs

**Q:** Will my cell phone set off the walk through metal detector?

**A:** Yes, that is why you will be asked to remove it from your person, prior to scan.

**Q:** Can I bring my laptop through with me?

**A:** No, it will activate the detector.

**Q:** Will the metal buttons/zippers on my clothing activate the metal detector?

**A:** No, as the equipment operates on an Airport mode to discern metal objects.

**Q:** What happens if I activate the metal detector as I pass through it?

**A:** You will be moved aside and a staff member will use a hand held metal detector wand to re-scan only the area which triggered the detector activation.

**Q:** Will visitors to schools complete metal detection?

**A:** Yes, they will be screened.

**Q:** What other common items will activate the metal detector as I walk through?

**A:** Keys, food items wrapped in aluminum foil such as Pop Tarts, metallic pens.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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# SAFETY SEARCH SCOPE

**The Department of Public Safety is committed to providing a safe learning, working and community environment for all students, staff, visitors and community members.**

In order to provide that environment, it is imperative to prevent any weapons from entering our schools, sites and/or programs.

Administrative entry searches are conducted by trained Department of Public Safety School Sentries as a means to accomplish our objective.

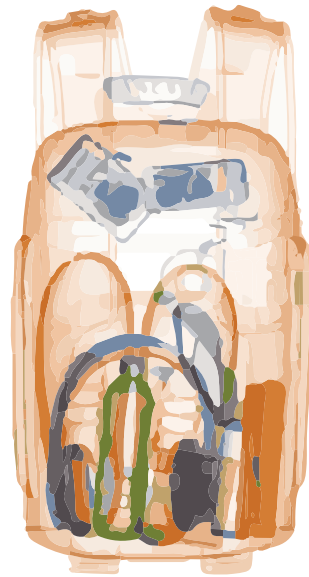
The scope of the searches is to ensure no weapons enter school/ district grounds, as well as to assure parents that their children are learning in a safe and positive school environment.

All students will be treated with courtesy, professionalism and respect throughout the process.

For further reference please view the District Code of Conduct, Character and Support, which provides a classification of prohibited weapons.

## Metal Detection

The District strives to use the least intrusive search methods possible, to respect an individual's right to privacy, while balancing the need to prevent any weapons from entering our schools, sites and/or programs.



The Department of Public Safety uses the best technologies available to accomplish this objective. Walk through metal detectors and electronic baggage scanners are used to complete the screening process when available. This also provides us the ability to complete the scans efficiently and move students to their classes without delay.

## The Process

1. A school principal and/or their designee will be present to observe the process and greet students
2. Students will be instructed to place their backpacks and bags in place for screening
3. Students will be instructed to remove cell phones and metal objects and place them in a container prior to entering the walk through metal detector
4. Students will be instructed by staff when to enter the walk through metal detector
5. Should the detector signal that metal is present, the sentry staff will provide further direction for the students
6. Students shall then retrieve their backpacks and proceed without delay to their destination



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