

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: METAL/WEAPON DETECTION SYSTEM/DEVICES

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218.3. METAL/WEAPON DETECTION SYSTEM/DEVICES	
1. Purpose	<p>The Middletown Area School District is committed to maintain safe, orderly schools; to promote health and safety within the school setting; and to provide a school environment conducive to education. The Middletown Area School acknowledges the increased frequency of aggression and violence in our society and the proliferation of weapons in our communities.</p> <p>The Board of Education is committed to providing the district schools with the means to maintain a safe climate for all students and staff in a manner which reasonably balances limited intrusions on individual freedoms against the public interest in preserving an atmosphere conducive to education.</p>
2. Authority	<p>In Pennsylvania it is a criminal offense to possess any weapons in a school building, on school grounds, or on a school bus. The Pennsylvania Crime Code, 18 PA, C.S.A. Section 912 makes it a misdemeanor of the first degree to possess any weapon in a school, school program, or school bus. In addition the Public School Code, 24 P.S. Section 510 grants School Boards the authority to establish rules and regulations regarding the conduct and deportment of students attending public school.</p> <p>Judicial decisions have recognized the appropriateness and need to administer searches of individuals in schools based upon reasonable suspicion.</p> <p>SC 510 The Board of Education has the authority to create reasonable rules and regulations.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to procure scanning devices for the purpose of reducing and discouraging the presence of weapons in our schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to create administrative procedures to utilize metal/weapon detection scanning devices for entry searches of students and visitors by school personnel.</p>

<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Appropriate metal/weapon detective scanning system or devices will be used to discourage the presence of weapons in our schools. Such equipment will be utilized for comprehensive and/or random entry searches of students and visitors in the Middletown Area School District. A comprehensive search would be utilized when students demonstrate disruptive behavior in school.</p> <p>Such equipment could be utilized for comprehensive and/or random entry searches at school programs, school activities and athletic events conducted in the Middletown Area Schools.</p> <p>This policy is applicable during school and after school hours.</p>
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