

**POLICY TYPE: EXECUTIVE EXPECTATIONS****POLICY TITLE: SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

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The Board recognizes the rights of each individual and recognizes the need to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all children, staff, volunteers and visitors of the District as one of its top priorities.

In order to minimize unsafe conditions or circumstances in the school environment and to maintain an environment in which students and staff feel safe, the District shall:

1. Provide safe, secure but accessible physical surroundings, including school buildings, grounds and EACS-sponsored transportation.
2. Ensure adequate response plans for threats to safety from crisis situations such as fire, severe storms, bombs, weapons, intruders and stalkers.
3. Ensure the consistent enforcement of EACS policies prohibiting violence, aggression, weapons, bullying, harassment, hazing, intimidation, substance abuse and gang activity.
4. Utilize metal detectors to check any person or their personal belongings. The Board authorizes the school district administration to use walk-through and/or hand-held metal detectors at any District activity and in the District's buildings or on "school grounds".

Only school personnel who have been trained in the usage of metal detectors, law enforcement officers assigned to the school corporation, or school resource officers shall operate the metal detectors under the direction of the administration.