



CROWN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCH POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION

Crown Preparatory Academy (CPA) recognizes that the educational environment of the school is an important factor in every student's ability to learn. We are committed to providing an environment where teaching takes place in a safe and orderly school. CPA's shared use of LAUSD's 24th Street Elementary School campus requires CPA to conduct random metal detector searches to prevent and deter weapons and other dangerous objects from entering school grounds. Please refer to LAUSD Policy No. BUL-5424.1 (July 21, 2014) for additional information.

II. RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS

A randomized process (e.g., unbiased sampling) will be used to select one (1) student in Grades 6, 7, or 8 to be searched daily using a metal detector wand. The randomized process shall be reviewed and established by CPA's Administration each school year. CPA shall not deviate from the selection process during the course of the school year.

III. DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES CONDUCTING SEARCHES

CPA shall designate at least two certificated employees, both male and female, to conduct random metal detector searches. Designated employees shall complete LAUSD Learning Zone STEPS Course 215 ("How to Conduct Random Metal Detector Searches") prior to performing any search. CPA shall retain a certificate of completion for each designated employee.

IV. FREQUENCY OF SEARCHES

One (1) student in Grades 6, 7, or 8 shall be searched daily. Search operations will be conducted at various hours of the school day to avoid predictability.

V. LOCATION OF SEARCHES

Metal detector searches shall be conducted on campus and in locations that do not expose students being searched to the view of the general student population. In the event that a metal detector wand is activated during a search and it is not possible to determine the cause, the student shall be escorted by at least two CPA employees (one of whom must be of the same gender as the student) to a vacant classroom, office, or workroom for further questioning and/or appropriate pat-down search. CPA shall comply with California Education Code section 49050 prohibiting the removal or rearranging of a student's clothing in a manner to permit a visual inspection of the underclothing, breast, buttocks, or genitals of the student.

VI. PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING RANDOM METAL DETECTOR SEARCHES

- A. The student randomly selected for search shall be required to bring all personal belongings (e.g., coat, purse, backpack) in their possession at the time of selection to the search location.
- B. Upon entering the search location, the selected student shall be advised of the purpose of the search, the method in which the search will be conducted, and the fact that the selection was made in a random manner.
- C. The selected student shall be directed to remove all metal objects from their pockets, including coins. The student shall place their personal belongings, as described above, in plain view during the search. The personal belongings will only be searched to the degree necessary to affirm that no weapons are concealed therein.
- D. The selected student shall then be scanned using a metal detector wand. A CPA staff member will scan the entire student, including socks, legs, front and back pockets, waist, and chest. CPA staff operating the metal detector shall use an identical scanning technique/pattern for each student.
- E. If the metal detector wand is activated during a search, the selected student will be asked if they are in possession of a metal object in the area scanned. After determining that the object is not a weapon and is removable, CPA staff shall ask the student to remove the metal object and re-scan the student. If an activation occurs again and the object cannot be removed, the CPA staff member shall visually confirm the student's explanation (e.g., non-removable jewelry, belt buckle, rivets on clothing) or, alternatively, by lightly patting-down (not grabbing) the area which is causing the repeated activation. A strip search may not be conducted under any circumstances.
- F. If, during the course of a search, weapons or other contraband are observed

that are a violation of law or LAUSD and CPA policies, such items shall be confiscated, the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) notified, and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

- G. Selected students who refuse to submit to a metal detector search consistent with these procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

VII. SEARCH RECORDS

CPA will maintain a record of its metal detector searches for a period of three (3) years and such records will be made available for LAUSD review upon reasonable request.

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