



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Search and Seizure

Individual Searches

In determining whether reasonable suspicion exists, school officials shall consider:

1. The student's age and previous behavior patterns
2. The prevalence and seriousness in the school of the problem to which the search was directed
3. The urgency requiring the search without delay
4. The substantive value and reliability of the information used as a justification for the search
5. The location of the student at the time of the incident which gave rise to reasonable suspicion

Searches shall be made in the presence of at least one other district employee. Employees will not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches.

Random Search for Weapons

Upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, students and parents/guardians shall receive notice that the district uses random metal detector scans as part of its program to promote safety and deter the presence of weapons. Signs shall be posted at all schools to explain that anyone may be scanned by metal detector for weapons (guns/firearms, knives, explosives, or other illegal or dangerous objects) when on campus or attending athletic or extracurricular events.

The following procedures shall be followed when making metal detector scans:

1. Students shall be asked to empty pockets of metal objects.
2. If the activation is not eliminated or explained, staff shall escort the student to a private area.

Random Search for Weapons (continued)

3. In the private area, an expanded search shall be conducted by a staff member of the same sex as the student.
4. The search shall be limited to the detection of weapons.