Students 5145.123

Search and Seizure Use of Metal Detectors

Version #1

When the administration has reasonable cause to believe that weapons are in the possession of unidentified students, when there has been a pattern of weapons found at school or when violence involving weapons has occurred at the school or at school sponsored events, the administration shall be authorized to use stationary or mobile metal detectors in accordance with regulations approved by the EASTCONN Board of Directors. Any search of a student's person as a result of the activation of the detector shall be conducted in private in accordance with the policy on personal searches.

Language to include in either version:

Upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year, students and parents/guardians shall receive notice that EASTCONN uses metal detector checks 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 maybe scanned by metal detector for guns, knives or other illegal weapons when on campus or attending athletic or extracurricular events.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

54-33n Search of school lockers and property

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

New Jersey v T.L.O., 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1985)

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