

Safety and Security Measures

Metal Detector FAQs

Q: Why has this policy been adopted?

A: In Galena Park I.S.D. we are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff. Safety and security policies and procedures are reviewed each year and evaluated for improvement. Recently passed Senate Bill 11 further mandates school districts to establish procedures to ensure best practices are utilized to improve school safety and school climate.

Q: What is this process going to look like?

A: Students will be asked to pass through a walk-through metal detector. Please [click here to view the process](#).

Q: Who will be conducting the random searches?

A: Trained district staff will conduct all random searches.

Q: What items will students need to remove from their pockets or clothing before walking through the metal detectors?

A: All items need to be removed from pockets, including keys, cell phones, and wallets. Students will be allowed to hold those items in their hands as they pass through the metal detector. (NOTE: Bags, backpacks, and purses are all subject to inspection during a random search.)

Q: Will students have to remove shoes, or other items including belts, jewelry, hair clips, etc.?

A: Students will not have to remove those items.

Q: If a student uses a wheelchair, scooter, walker or another assistive device, will that student have to pass through the metal detector?

A: Students with disabilities or assistive devices may be screened with a hand-held metal detector instead of utilizing the walk-through metal detector.

Q: What happens if the metal detector alerts as a student passes through?

A: That student will be asked if he or she has any metal objects still on his or her person that need to be removed from his or her clothing and will pass through the metal detector a second time. If the metal detector alerts a second time, the student will be searched with a hand-held metal detector.

Q: What happens if an unapproved or illegal item is discovered during a random search?

A: The student code of conduct will be enforced and campus law enforcement will be notified as appropriate.