

**CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS**

**USE OF METAL DETECTORS**

**5.31.2**

In order to provide and maintain a safe and secure environment for students, school personnel and authorized visitors, the Henry County Board of Education may employ the use of hand-held metal detectors. Prior to implementing the use of metal detectors, training shall be provided for authorized persons regarding the use, maintenance and storage of said equipment and on laws and procedures for conducting searches.

In implementing the use of metal detectors, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. All metal detector searches shall be conducted by school board employees only.
2. Any information obtained through the use of metal detectors will be used only for school disciplinary or law enforcement purposes.
3. The metal detectors will be used by authorized personnel at any time there is reasonable suspicion that the student being searched has violated or is violating a particular disciplinary rule or public law relating to the possession of weapons. Any search of a student’s person as a result of activation of the detector will be conducted in accordance with the Board’s policy on student searches (Policy 5.31).

Prior to implementing the use of metal detectors by authorized Henry County Board of Education employees, this policy will be communicated to all affected school personnel, students, parents and the community at-large.

**REFERENCES:**

**CODE OF ALABAMA  
16-8-8, AAC §290-3-1-.02**

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