

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Students

5131.8.1 - BP

METAL DETECTION AND SEARCH FOR WEAPONS

The Board of Education recognizes that a safe, orderly, controlled environment is essential to the conduct of the educational program and to insure the comfort, security, and well-being of all students and staff of the schools of the district.

The board finds that the possession of weapons and other dangerous devices on school campuses is unacceptable and that the existence of weapons and other dangerous devices is disruptive of the educational process and creates excessive potential hazards to the safety and welfare of students and staff.

The board, therefore, declares that the schools of this district and all other places where authorized student activities are conducted shall be weapons-free and other dangerous devices-free zones. Students shall not possess weapons or dangerous devices of any kinds in school buildings, on school property, on school buses, or at any related or school sponsored activity away from the school. Weapons or simulated weapons used for a demonstration that is directly related to the curriculum must have prior written approval of the principal.

Any school employee shall confiscate any weapon or dangerous device from any person on school property or at school events away from the school under the power granted to the board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff, and the public. When weapons or dangerous devices are confiscated, the local law enforcement agency shall be notified and asked to respond to take custody of such items.

The superintendent is authorized to establish a metal detector scanning and extended search program to deter the presence of weapons and other dangerous devices and thereby deter the disruptive and hazardous conditions which their presence presents.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

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| <u>Education Code</u> | Section 35291 | Governing board to prescribe rules for the government and discipline of the schools |
| | Section 48900 | Grounds for suspension/expulsion |
| | Section 48902 | Notification of law enforcement authorities |
| | Section 48915 | Required recommendation for expulsions |
| | Section 48918 | Rules governing expulsion procedures, hearing, notice |
| | Section 49050-49051 | Searches by school employees |
| | Section 49330 | Injurious object |
| | Section 49331 | Removal from possession of pupil by designated employee |
| | Section 49332 | Notification of parent or guardian; retention of object by school personnel; release |
| | Section 49333 | Return object |
| | Section 49334 | Injurious objects; notification to law enforcement |

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| <u>Penal Code</u> | Section 626.9 | Firearms; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exceptions |
| | Section 626.10 | Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception |
| | Section 12020-12034 | Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons |

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