

**WITHDRAWN**

09-1028-PO4

October 28, 2009

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 02-0227-PO1  
AND ADOPT A NEW SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY**

**THE CITY EXECUTIVE OFFICE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

That the Board rescind Board Report 02-0227-PO1 and adopt a new Search and Seizure Policy, effective February 1, 2010.

**PURPOSE:** Weapons and drugs in schools, on school grounds, and in surrounding neighborhoods

Reasonable Suspicion may arise, for example, from seeing a weapon-shaped bulge in clothing, smelling

a reliable student or adult that a student currently has a weapon or contraband in his/her possession. Neither a mere hunch nor a generalized suspicion is a sufficient basis for conducting a Weapons Pat Down, Belongings Search, Contraband Search, or individual locker or desk search.

"School Administrator" means a Principal, Assistant Principal or School Disciplinarian.

"School Official" means any School Administrator, School Police or Security Employee, as defined in this

C. Preference for Search by Sworn Law Enforcement Officers. If practical, School Officials should ask sworn law enforcement officers, such as Chicago Police Officers (assigned to the school) roving or

Supervisors, to conduct Weapons Pat Downs. Law enforcement officers are trained in proper search techniques, and know how to search for weapons in a manner that minimizes the possibility of injury.

D. Gender Preference. When practical, School Officials of the same gender as the student/visitor should be assigned to non-student's ~~admission~~ with hand-held metal detecting devices to conduct

B. Signage and Notice. All schools with metal detectors, whether used randomly or daily, shall post a sign outside the entrance to be used for metal detector screenings to the effect that any person who

enters the building may be subject to search.

C. Activation.

b. If the School Administrator reasonably suspects that the student is concealing something dangerous, s/he shall call the student's parent to ask the parent either to conduct the search or take the

parent arrives.

c. If the School Administrator reasonably suspects that the student is concealing contraband that is not a danger to him/herself or another student, such as stolen money, s/he may (i) call the student's parent to ask the parent either to conduct the search or to take the student home, or (ii) end the search.

2. Visitors. If no contraband is found, but a School Administrator still reasonably suspects that a visitor is concealing contraband, s/he shall deny entry to the visitor and may call 9-1-1.

Mass Desk and Locker Searches

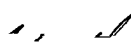
A. Authorization For Mass Desk and Locker Searches. Desks and lockers are the property of the Board and remain at all times under the Board's control. Students are permitted to use desks and lockers during school hours. The Board is not responsible for items students maintain in lockers or desks.

A School Administrator may authorize mass locker and/or desk searches and may direct such searches

Approved for Consideration:

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