

William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy's School Bag Search Protocol:

Purpose:

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors within the school premises.

Scope:

This protocol applies to all students entering the school premises with bags or carrying items that need to be inspected.

Bag Inspection Procedure:

a. Upon arrival at the school entrance, students are required to present their bags for inspection to the assigned school personnel (Teacher, Resource Officer (SRO) or designated administrators). b. If the bag is clear or see-through and the contents are easily visible, the bag is not emptied. However, if the contents cannot be easily seen, the bag will be emptied for inspection. Non-clear or non-see-through bags are subject to complete content removal during inspection.

Content Removal:

a. During bag inspection, all contents including but not limited to textbooks, stationery, electronics, and personal belongings will be removed. Clothing pockets are to be emptied, and any items placed on the inspection table.

Metal Detector Procedure:

a. After the bag /clothing contents are emptied and placed on the inspection table, the student will proceed to walk through the scanner machine. b. If the metal detector emits a beep, the student will be subjected to further inspection by the SRO or an administrator. Students are not required to remove or raised any of their clothing during this process.

Additional Protocol:

a. Students are required to cooperate fully with the inspection process. b. Any refusal or resistance to the inspection may result in disciplinary action as per the school's code of conduct. c. Any items deemed unsafe, prohibited, or in violation of school policies will be confiscated and dealt with accordingly. d. All inspections will be conducted in a respectful and non-invasive manner, maintaining the privacy and dignity of the student. e. The school administration will provide notice to students and parents/guardians regarding the bag inspection protocol, including its purpose, procedures, and consequences for non-compliance.

Review and Updates:

This protocol will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Any necessary updates or modifications will be made accordingly in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Implementation:

This protocol was implemented by administration at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year and was communicated to all students, staff, and parents/guardians through appropriate channels.