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**POLICE SCREENINGS/SEARCHES OF SCHOOL PROPERTY 1411.1
INCLUDING THE USE OF CANINE (K9) TEAMS**

8 In an effort to deter violations of school rules and illegal activity on school grounds,
9 the school administration is empowered to call upon the Enfield Police Department
10 to assist it in conducting screenings and/or searches of persons or personal
11 possessions on school property. This may include screening of automobiles and
12 other personal possessions on all school property such as but not limited to lockers,
13 storage areas, and parking areas by the Enfield Police Department's K9 Team.
14 Personal items brought onto school grounds by students, employees, service
15 contractors, and visitors are subject to said screenings which may result in
16 establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause to conduct a search.

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18 Screenings can be conducted without prior notification to students, employees,
19 service contractors, and visitors. However, the school administration shall
20 annually inform students, employees, and parents of the fact that screenings may
21 occur without prior notice.

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23 Information obtained through such screenings, including an alert through the K9
24 team, may establish reasonable cause for a subsequent search. Such searches
25 may be conducted by school officials with or without the assistance of the Enfield
26 Police Department, and the scope of the search shall be reasonably related to the
27 object of the search and shall not be excessively intrusive in light of the age and
28 sex of any students involved. Administrative regulations for this policy shall
29 include guidelines for notification to the parent/guardian of any student who
30 becomes the subject of a search as the result of a screening as authorized by this
31 policy.

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33 A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Enfield Public School system
34 and the Enfield Police Department shall serve as the working guideline for said
35 screenings and searches. The Superintendent is authorized to enter into the MOU
36 on behalf of the Board.

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44 **References:** **Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-233a through 10-233i**
45 **(Statutes relating to School Discipline and Security.) Enfield**
46 **Police Department General Orders.**

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48 **Legal Reference:** **New Jersey vs. T.L.O. 469 U.S. 325 (1985)**

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51 **Adopted:** **October 23, 2007**