

Marion County Public Schools

Random K-9 and Handheld Wand Metal Detection Script

The following statement shall be read to the students by a school administrator

Students, may I have your attention please.

There is no reason to be alarmed and this is not an emergency of any kind.

As all of you are aware, as indicated in the MCPS Code of Student Conduct and the announcements made by your school administrators, having a weapon on school property is against the law and all students on campus are subject to search.

This room was randomly selected to undergo a random screening of students and their belongings to ensure the classroom is free of weapons and drugs.

We will be utilizing drug, firearm and gunpowder detecting K-9s and handheld metal detection wands to conduct the screening.

Your teacher will remain with you in the hallway while this search is being conducted.

If your cell phones are in your backpack or purse, leave it in your backpack or purse. At this time, if your cell phone is in your pocket, please place it on top of your desk, along with any other objects containing metal, such as keys or airpods cases.

Please do not touch, move, add or remove anything from your backpack or purse. This is being done to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.