

§ 115C-391.2. Searches of students.

(a) Policies adopted by governing bodies of public school units governing searches of a student's person or property shall be consistent with the provisions of this Article and the constitutions, statutes, and regulations of the United States and the State of North Carolina. All searches performed by school officials in accordance with the policies shall be executed using methods that are narrowly tailored to be minimally intrusive while investigating the suspected activity.

(b) Each policy adopted by a governing body of a public school unit in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall require that searches of a student's person are conducted in private by one school official and one adult witness, both of whom shall be the same sex as the student. The policy may provide an exception to this requirement for searches conducted using a walk-through metal detector, handheld wand, or other similar minimally intrusive device designed to detect weapons and regularly used for security scanning. (2023-134, s. 7.76.)