

Dangerous Weapons and Firearms

Any person, other than a law enforcement officer or school sentinel, that carries, possesses, stores, keeps, leaves, places, or puts into the possession of another person, any dangerous weapon, firearm, or air gun, whether or not the firearm or air gun is designed, adapted, used, or intended to be used primarily for imitative or noisemaking purposes, on or in any public elementary or secondary school premises, vehicle, or building, or on or in any premises, vehicle, or building used or leased for public elementary or secondary school functions, whether or not any person is endangered is in violation of this policy

Dangerous Weapons. No student may possess, handle, or transmit any weapon while on school grounds or at any school activity or event off school grounds except as permitted by this policy.

- **Definition of Dangerous Weapon.** The term “dangerous weapon” means any object, device, instrument, material, or substance which is capable of causing injury in the manner it is used or intended to be used.
- **Exceptions Regarding Dangerous Weapons.** The prohibition against dangerous weapons does not apply to:
 - Weapons that may lawfully be possessed by a person who is receiving training at the school under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor;
 - Employees that utilize an instrument, i.e. knife, for educational or maintenance purposes.
- **Consequences – Dangerous Weapons.** Any student that brings a dangerous weapon to school will, except as modified herein, be suspended from school for a period of 3 days. The suspension requirement may be modified by the principal on a case-by-case basis to not less than 1 day, or up to 10 days. The superintendent may consider the violation for long-term suspension or expulsion on a case-by-case basis.
- **Confiscation of Dangerous Weapons.** Administrative and teaching personnel are statutorily authorized, without a warrant, to confiscate any dangerous weapons possessed in violation of this policy.

Firearms. No person may bring, possess, handle or transmit a firearm on school grounds, in a school-owned vehicle, or at a school activity or event off school grounds, except as permitted by this policy.

- **Definition of Firearm.** The term “firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or firearm silencer, or any destructive device.
- **Exceptions Regarding Firearms.** The prohibition against firearms does not apply to:
 - Firearms lawfully possessed by a law enforcement official or school sentinel;
 - The use of a starting gun at an athletic event;
 - Firearms that may lawfully be possessed by a person who is receiving training at the school under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor.
 - Unloaded firearms which may lawfully be possessed by a person for the purpose of using them as part of a color guard ceremony.

- **Consequences - Firearm.** Any student who brings a firearm, as that term is defined in 18 United States Code 921, to school will be expelled from school for one calendar year. The superintendent of schools and the Board of Education shall have the authority to modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- **Confiscation of Firearms.** Administrative and teaching personnel are statutorily authorized, without a warrant, to confiscate any firearm possessed in violation of this policy. By statute, any firearm that is confiscated by school personnel shall be delivered to a peace officer as soon as practicable. Such firearms are subject to being destroyed by law enforcement authorities.

Report to Law Enforcement Authorities. All school personnel are required to report any violation of this policy to a principal or the superintendent of schools. Pursuant to state and federal law, school personnel are required to report to law enforcement authorities when a student brings a firearm or weapon to school.

Staff Violation of Policy. Staff that violate this policy shall be subject to personal discipline procedures, up to and including dismissal.

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