

(School District or ISD)

WEAPONS POSSESSION

(Policy)

The Board of Education prohibits students, staff and visitors from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle without the permission of the Superintendent.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapon, ammunition, and explosives.

This policy shall also encompass such actions as look-alike items, false fire alarms, bomb threats, or intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

Staff Members

The Superintendent shall refer a staff member who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The staff member will also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as permitted by applicable Board policy and the terms of existing collective bargaining agreements.

Exceptions to this policy include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel;
- B. items approved by an administrator as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved. (Working firearms and ammunition shall never be approved.)

Staff members shall report knowledge of dangerous weapons and/or threats of violence by students, staff members, or visitors to the administration. Failure to report such information may subject the staff member to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Students

Any student who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this policy shall report to the school principal or the supervisor of the activity immediately. The report should include as much detail as possible concerning the person(s) involved, the weapon, the location of the person(s), and how this information was obtained.

The Superintendent will refer any student who violates this policy to the student's parents or guardians and to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

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No student is to confront the person possessing the weapon, but a staff member has the option of confronting the person if the staff member believes the risk or injury to self or others is minimal or if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to any person.

An administrator or activity supervisor receiving a report of weapons possession shall have the option of conducting a search for the weapon in accordance with District Search and Seizure policy, or contacting the police department for assistance.

Any interaction with the person should have as its primary objective the safety and welfare of people in the area rather than the obtaining possession of the weapon.

This policy will be published annually in all District staff and student handbooks. Publication is not a precondition to enforcement of this policy.