

The board believes weapons, other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities, and at school district-approved events, cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

All weapons, dangerous objects and look-a-likes are prohibited to be carried, possessed, transported or otherwise stored on school district property and at school district-approved events. Exceptions to this policy include weapons carried by the following individuals in performance of their official duties:

- law enforcement;
- military personnel;
- corrections officers;
- individuals approved in writing by the Superintendent, and;
- students and individuals approved in writing by the Superintendent who are actively engaging in a school district approved firearms safety course, hunter education course or shooting sports activity.

Individuals found to be in violation of this district policy will be required to immediately remove the weapon, dangerous object or look-a-likes from the school district property or event. Students found to be in violation of this policy or any other board policies related to weapons will be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

When a student is found to possess a weapon, look-a-like, dangerous objects, or any instrument used as a weapon on school property, the parents shall be notified of the incident. Confiscation of weapons, look-a-likes, dangerous objects, or instruments used as a weapon shall be reported to law enforcement, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action by the school including suspension or expulsion, .

Any student bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than twelve (12) months. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas.

Any student bringing a weapon, look-a-like, other dangerous object, or any instrument used as a weapon onto District property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the District may be suspended or expelled from school.

For purposes of this policy, the term "dangerous object" includes any instrument or device designed primarily for use in inflicting death or injury upon a human being or animal, and which is capable of inflicting death upon a human being when used in the manner for which it was designed. The term "dangerous object" also includes any instrument or device of any sort whatsoever which is actually used in such a manner as to indicate that the individual intends to inflict death or injury upon another, and which, when so used, is capable of inflicting death upon a human being. In addition, dangerous objects or any instrument used as a weapon in the school includes any object used to intimidate, coerce, scare, or threaten a student, district employee or

visitor. Dangerous objects therefore include, but are not limited to, clubs, nunchakus, brass knuckles, knives regardless of blade length, stun guns, BB and pellet guns, toy guns used or displayed as real guns, and unloaded guns.

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