

SECTION 551 POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS

No person shall possess or use a weapon or look-alike weapon on district property, in a district owned vehicle, or at any school-sponsored function or event.

A weapon is defined as a firearm (loaded or unloaded), BB/Pellet gun, knife, razor, a chain, a club, martial arts device, chemical weapon including pepper spray, explosive device, metal knuckle, or any other object which is used or intended to be used to inflict harm. A look-alike weapon is defined as a toy gun, water gun, a non-working replica of a weapon, cap gun, popper, war souvenir, or any other object which could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon regardless of whether it is manufactured for that purpose.

Two exceptions would be weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, and/or weapons that are handled in a legal manner for educational purposes (i.e. Military honors, Hunter Safety, starter pistols) as authorized by school authorities.

Any person violating this policy shall be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Students violating this policy may be immediately suspended pending a complete investigation. Students possessing weapons shall be considered for referral to the school board for expulsion for a period of not less than one year. State and Federal statutes in regard to special education students will be followed. Students possessing look-alike weapons shall have appropriate discipline action based on age and seriousness of the incident. Under state statute, the district administrator may modify these sanctions on a case-by-case basis.

Students who use an article designed for other purposes to inflict harm and/or to intimidate shall be subject to the sanctions listed above as deemed appropriate by school authorities. (Examples are belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, scissors, etc.)

Employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

See Attachment – Guidelines for Use of Metal Detectors

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