

STUDENTSCONDUCTPossession or Use of Weapons

No one shall possess a dangerous weapon on school property, school buses, or at any school-related event. Weapons are defined in two categories:

1. Items used or designed to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons. Examples include but are not limited to firearms, BB-guns, look-a-like weapons, knuckles, razors, switchblades/butterfly knives, chains, clubs, stars, pepper spray, etc,
2. Items designed for other purposes but which are used or calculated to be used to inflict bodily harm, and/or intimidate. Examples include but are not limited to belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, aerosol sprays, scissors, small pocket knives, firecrackers, smoke bombs, etc. The administrator may use his or her discretion when interpreting use and intent with such objects.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to penalties outlined in state law and suspended and/or expelled from school. Parents/guardians and law enforcement officials will be notified in all cases. Weapons will be confiscated by the school district.

A recommendation for expulsion of the student will be initiated and law enforcement and parents/guardians will be notified under the following circumstances:

1. Possession of a gun
2. Possession of a weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code - Public Law 103-382, 1994, known as the "Gun Free Schools Act." as well as applicable state statutes.
3. Possession of any other dangerous weapon as defined in this policy, with intent to threaten or cause bodily harm to others, or to cause property damage.

If expulsion of the student is determined to be appropriate under "2" above, the expulsion should be for a period time of not less than one full calendar year (subject to a case-by-case exemption in compliance with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)).