

Policies of the Board of Education

Section I

WEAPONS IN/ON SCHOOL PREMISES

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Possession or use of a weapon on school premises, before, during, or after school or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. A student found to be in possession of a weapon on school premises before, during, or after school or at any school-sponsored activity is subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and/or legal action.

Weapons are defined in two categories:

1. Articles commonly used or designed to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons. Examples include but are not limited to firearms (whether loaded or unloaded), BB guns, look-alike weapons, knuckles, razors, switch blade/butterfly knives, chains, clubs, stars, chemical sprays or irritants.
2. Articles designed for other purposes but which in the manner such articles are used or intended to be used are calculated to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate. Examples include but are not limited to belts, combs, pencils, lasers, laser equipment, files, compasses, aerosol sprays, scissors, etc.

According to state law, any person who possesses a dangerous weapon on school premises is guilty of a misdemeanor or felony. Any individual who violates the law is subject to the provisions as outlined in the Wisconsin Statutes.

Any incidents involving a dangerous weapon taken from a student will also be reported to the student's parent/guardian. Law enforcement officials will be contacted in weapon situations when appropriate. School officials will attempt to confiscate any and all weapons. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to school disciplinary action. Disciplinary action taken or recommended will be the responsibility of the principal in consultation with the superintendent.

Disciplinary action will involve any or all of the following procedures:

1. Principals may administer appropriate disciplinary measures on a case by case basis with approval of the superintendent. (Grades K-2 only)
2. Immediate suspension from school for up to five (5) days.
3. Suspension from school for up to fifteen (15) consecutive school days pending expulsion proceedings from school. A recommendation for expulsion shall be presented to the School Board when the facts in a particular weapons situation indicate that the health and safety of students or faculty have been endangered. Students with exceptional educational needs who possess a firearm at school or under the supervision of a school authority shall be removed from school and placed in an interim alternative education setting in accordance with the

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and applicable state regulations while their case is proceeding in the district. Such students shall be subject to appropriate placement review as defined by state regulations.

A student who possesses a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, on school premises (any school building or school property), in a district vehicle, in a personal vehicle on school property, on a school bus, or at a school related event shall be recommended for expulsion from school as required by federal law for a minimum of one year.

In addition, a student who uses any weapon or object in a threatening way toward another person or in a manner that could cause injury to others shall be considered for expulsion.

Expulsion proceedings will continue for students who possess a firearm on school premises or harm or threaten to harm another individual with a weapon even if the student voluntarily withdraws from school.

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