

Weapons Policy

The Board adopts this Weapons Policy with the intent to implement in full the requirements of state and federal laws concerning the possession, handling or transmission of weapons on school property, at any school sponsored activities, or on any public or private conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity. The Board does not intend this policy to expand any right or responsibility of any party beyond those requirements.

Weapon - The term weapon shall include, but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting devices and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily harm.

Facsimile Weapon - The term facsimile weapon shall include all instruments or implements resembling or intended to resemble a weapon.

A student shall not knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that is or can reasonably be considered a weapon or facsimile weapon on school property, at any school sponsored activities, or on any public or private conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity unless for a program authorized by the Superintendent or if the weapon is unloaded and is possessed by an individual while traversing school property for the purposes of obtaining access to public or private lands used for lawful hunting, if the entry on school premises is authorized by school authorities.

Any student determined to have knowingly possessed, handled, or transmitted a weapon onto school property, at any school sponsored activities, or on any public or private conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) year. The Superintendent may, however, recommend discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis and shall state his/her reasons therefore in writing.

Any student determined to have knowingly possessed, handled, or transmitted a facsimile weapon onto school property, at any school sponsored activities, or any public or private conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity shall also be subject to discipline which may include any sanction up to and including expulsion from school.

- **Local Law Enforcement**

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials. The Superintendent or his/her designee may report the discovery of any facsimile weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials.

- **Department of Education**

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall report to the Department of Education all incidents relating to expulsions for possession of a weapon on school grounds, at school sponsored activities or on public or private conveyances providing transportation to and from all school or school sponsored activities. Reports shall include all information as may be required by the Department of Education Office for Safe Schools.

- **Alternative Education**

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as limiting the authority or duty of the district to make alternative assignment or to provide alternative educational services during the period of expulsion.