

**WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

The Governing Board desires students to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms, weapons, and/or dangerous instruments. The Board therefore prohibits students from possessing any weapon, or dangerous instruments of any kind, real or replicated, in school facilities, on school grounds or in school vehicles, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities.

Any school staff member or parent may confiscate any weapon, dangerous instrument, real or replicated from any person in school facilities, in school vehicles, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public.

All incidents involving students possessing, exhibiting or threatening others with a weapon or dangerous instrument will be brought before the Governing Board for disciplinary action. Students may be suspended from all school related activities pending Board hearing.

Students also may be suspended if they threaten others or disrupt school activities by exhibiting a replica of a weapon or dangerous instrument

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
2. Cutting and puncturing devices: dirks, daggers, ice picks, knives, or razors with an unguarded blade.
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: bombs, cap guns, fire crackers, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices.
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, spring action, or sling shot action, including any spot marker (paint ball) gun.

Any school staff member or parent may confiscate any of the above devices and any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy club, nunchuka, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon. A school staff member or parent confiscating any weapon or dangerous instruments shall deliver it to the principal or his/her designee immediately or as soon as possible.

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If a staff member or parent knows that a student possesses a weapon or dangerous device which has not been confiscated, the staff member or parent shall report the matter to the principal or his/her designee immediate action shall be taken.

When informing the principal or his/her designee about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the staff member or parent shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

The principal or his/her designee will, if deemed necessary, notify law enforcement authorities about any student possession of weapons and any acts of assault by a student with a firearm or other deadly weapon or instrument.

The principal or his/her designee shall take disciplinary action which he/she determines proper in accordance with Board policies and regulations.

The principal or his/her designee shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, including replicas, to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and may if necessary follow this notification with a letter.

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