

WEAPONS

The Board of Directors believes weapons, other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district or at school functions or activities.

Weapons prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to, any instrument or device designed primarily for use in inflicting death or injury upon a human being or animal, and which is capable of inflicting death upon a human being when used in the manner for which it was designed, as well as any instrument or device of any sort whatsoever which is actually used in such a manner as to indicate that the person intends to inflict death or serious injury upon the other, and which, when so used, is capable of inflicting death upon a human being. Examples of weapons prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to, any offensive weapon, pistol, revolver, or other firearm, dagger, razor, stiletto, switchblade or other knife, or any portable device or weapon directing an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Parents of students found to possess a weapon or dangerous objects and look-a-likes on school property shall be notified of the incident. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than twelve months. The Superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials shall be exempt from this policy. The Principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects and look-a-likes for educational purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from the policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

LEGAL REF: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.17A, 280.17B, 280.21B, 702.7.

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