

SERIES 800
SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

832

POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS

No one shall possess or use a dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored activities except as otherwise specifically provided below. District students must be aware that the possession or use of such items will not be tolerated.

A dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon is defined as a gun, knife, razor, martial arts equipment, metal buckle or any other object which, by the manner in which it is used or intended to be used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm or could pretend to be capable of inflicting bodily harm.

In addition, the unlawful use or possession of pepper spray and/or any other chemical defense item is prohibited in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored activities.

Law enforcement officers and the Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall be contacted as soon as possible, if there is time, in a given weapons situation and if there is not an immediate threat to safety. If there is not time, or the situation warrants immediate action, the school staff should attempt to confiscate the dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon. The building principal shall report confiscation of a dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon to law enforcement officers.

Any person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable laws.

A dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon taken from a student shall be reported to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Disciplinary measures taken shall be the responsibility of the building principal and may include suspension and referral for expulsion. A pre-expulsion conference shall be held by the Superintendent and a recommendation for expulsion shall be presented to the Board if the student's expulsion is required by law or if the facts in the situation indicate that the health or safety of students or others has been endangered.

The district may place a child with disabilities who violates this policy in an interim alternative educational setting in accordance with law.

The following are three exceptions to this policy:

1. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted;
2. Weapons that are registered and handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education may be authorized by the building principal; and

3. Weapons properly registered and handled during the community use of school facilities may be permitted.

Legal References: Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes
941.235
941.26(4)(c)
948.60
948.605
948.61
Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Cross Reference: 447.3, Student Suspensions/Expulsions

Date of Adoption: February 15, 1995

Date of Revision: March 15, 2006