

## **SCHOOL POLICY ON POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS**

No one shall possess, use or store a weapon or look-a-like weapon in or on school property, on school vehicles such as buses or at school related activities. A dangerous weapon or look-s-like weapon is defined in State Statute 44, Secs. 921, 922, 924 and may include any object, which, by the manner in which h it is used or intended to be used, is capable of inflicting harm, or could pretend to be capable of inflicting bodily harm or endangering the health and safety of students or staff. Ammunitions and explosives are included within this definition.

Exceptions to this policy include:

1. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel.
2. Theatrical props used in appropriate settings.
3. Starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events under adult supervision.
4. Items preapproved by a building principal or superintendent as a part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision. (Fire arms and ammunition will not be approved as part of a presentation).

Weapons or look-a-like weapons confiscated from a student shall be reported to law enforcement authorities as well as parents. Disciplinary measures shall include immediate out-of-school suspension and referral to the Board of Education for possible expulsion from school. Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and bargaining agreements and shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution. Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

***This policy will be published annually in the District's student and staff handbooks.***

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