

REGULATION DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Any student in possession of a dangerous weapon, or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon, in violation of this school district's policy may be placed under emergency suspension from school, pending an investigation of the incident by the appropriate school or legal authorities. Students who violate this policy may be suspended from school and all activities for any period of time up to the maximum period authorized by law. Additionally, school administrators may seek to file criminal charges against the student.

Any employee in possession of a dangerous weapon, or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon, in violation of this school district's policy may, pursuant to applicable board policy, may be placed under immediate suspension from duties pending an investigation of the incident by the appropriate school or legal authorities and may be dismissed or subjected to or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the superintendent or the board of education. In addition, this school district employees who willfully or negligently fail to enforce this policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal. Any disciplinary action for any employee, including dismissal will be in accordance with any Board policy and any negotiated agreement which is applicable to the employee.

If a teacher or other school employee has a reasonable suspicion to believe that a student is in possession of a dangerous weapon or a replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon, the teacher or employee shall immediately investigate the matter and shall confiscate such weapon or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon found if this can be accomplished without placing any students or staff in jeopardy. The teacher or employee shall immediately notify the principal or the principal's designee. If the teacher or employee does not believe that the weapon can be confiscated safely, the teacher or employee shall immediately notify the principal or the principal's designee of the situation.

If the teacher or other school employee has reasonable suspicion to believe that any employee or other person is in possession of a dangerous weapon or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon in violation of school policy, he/she shall immediately report the matter to his/her immediate supervisor or the superintendent of schools or his designee.

If the principal or his designee learns that a student or employee is believed to be in possession of a dangerous weapon or replica or facsimile thereof, the principal or designee shall observe the following procedure.

1. Immediately investigate the matter and contact the police, if appropriate.
2. If not already confiscated by an employee of the school and if it can be accomplished without risk of injury, the principal or designee should take possession of the dangerous weapon or replica or facsimile thereof.
3. Notify the superintendent of school or his/her designee.
4. In case of a student, notify his/her parents/guardian.
5. Cooperate fully with the police.
6. Transfer confiscated weapon to the police department.

Except as may be required by law for disabled students, any student in possession of a dangerous weapon or replica or facsimile thereof shall not be eligible for placement in any alternative education program, intervention program or be eligible to transfer to another school district in lieu of suspension.

A student who has been suspended from another school district because of the possession of a dangerous weapon or replica or facsimile thereof shall not be accepted as a transfer student into this school district.

Rights of due process for all students and rights of disabled students will be observed in accordance with applicable law and the board of education policies.