

WEAPONS

The Board believes weapons and 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.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes 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 weapons 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 or knowingly possessing firearms at school shall be expelled for not less than twelve months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis when extremely unusual circumstances exist. 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 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.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.
 18 U.S.C. § 921 (1988).
 Goals 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. No. 103-227, 108
 State. 125 (1994).
 McClain V. Lafayette County Bd. of Education, 673 F.2d 106
 (5th Cir. 1982).
 Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 724 (1993). Iowa Code §§ 280.21B (Supp.
 1995).

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