

## **WEAPONS POLICY**

The Board of Education prohibits students from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle.

The term “weapon means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type whatsoever, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

This policy shall also encompass such actions as look-alike items, false fire alarms, bomb threats, intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish instructional programs on weapons which require students to immediately report knowledge of weapons and threats of violence by students and staff to the building principal. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.

The Superintendent will refer any student who violates this policy to the student’s parents or guardians and to the criminal justice or juvenile detention system. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Policy exemptions include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel;
- B. items approved by a principal as part of a class or individual project or presentation under adult supervision, if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved (working firearms and ammunition shall never be approved);
- C. theatrical props used in appropriate and supervised settings;
- D. starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events;
- E. instruments or equipment as required by District operations, including school or District security.

This policy will be published annually in all District student and staff handbooks. Publication is not a precondition of enforcement of this policy.