

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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POLICY TITLE WEAPONS

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The board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and lookalikes in School District facilities cause or may 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, dangerous objects and lookalikes. Weapons, dangerous objects and lookalikes 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 weapons, dangerous objects or lookalikes on school property shall be notified of the incident. Possession or confiscation of weapons, dangerous objects or lookalikes shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and students will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing firearms to school or knowingly possessing firearms at school shall be expelled for not less than one year. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for students on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term “firearm” includes, but is not limited to, any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of such a weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, or otherwise defined by applicable law.

Weapons and firearms under the control of law enforcement officials or other individuals specifically authorized by the board shall be exempt from this policy. The superintendent may develop an administrative process or procedures to implement the policy.

Legal Reference: No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Sec. 4141, P.L. 107-110 (2002).
Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.
18 U.S.C. § 921 (2012).
McClain v. Lafayette County Bd. of Education, 673 F.2d 106 (5th Cir. 1982).
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.21B; 724 (2013).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6)

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
503 Student Discipline
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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