

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**A. Purpose and Scope**

Students shall not possess weapons or dangerous instruments of any kind on school grounds or buildings, nor on school buses, nor on any school related or school sponsored activity away from school facilities nor while under school jurisdiction, unless written permission has been obtained from the principal or designee.

Principals shall not give such written permission except on request of a teacher and on assurance that such possession serves a positive and an appropriate purpose, and that proper precautions have been taken that no accidents shall occur and that the weapon or dangerous instruments shall not be misused while under school supervision.

B. General

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers shotguns, rifles, zip guns, stun guns, tasers and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
2. Knives, dirks, ice picks, daggers or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3 1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade (Education Code 48915).
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids; and other hazardous devices.
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure or spring action, or any spot marker gun (Penal Code 626.10)
5. Any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, especially those defined in Penal Code 12020, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal place with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon.
6. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm (Education Code 48900)

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C. Forms and Additional References:

1. Suspension Forms
2. Expulsion Documents

D. Procedures

If an employee knows that a student possesses any of the above devices, he/she shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the weapon and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal or designee, who shall take appropriate action

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities about any student possession of weapons and any acts of assault by a student with a firearm or other deadly weapon or instrument. (Education Code 48902, Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10)

The principal shall take disciplinary action up to expulsion which he/she determines proper in accordance with Governing Board policies and regulations.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, including replicas, to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

E. Records Required

None

F. Records Retention

None

G Responsible Administrative Unit

Educational Services

Students

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Student Services

Site Principals

H. Approved By:

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