

Student in Possession of Dangerous Weapon or Explosive Device

Definition of Possession: Possession includes, but/and is not limited to having a weapon(s) and/or explosive device on District property or at a District-sponsored event located:

- a. In a space assigned to a student such as a locker or desk.
- b. On the student's person or property (such as on the student's body, in his/her clothing, purse, backpack, gym bag or vehicle);
- c. Under the student's control or accessible or available, such as hidden by the student.

Definition of Weapon: A weapon includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Any firearms; or
- b. Any dangerous weapon as defined in RCW 9.41.250; or
- c. An air gun, which includes any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide or other gas, or any items which appear to be realistic firearms or air guns; or
- a. Slung shot, which is a piece of metal, or a stone fastened to a short strap, chain or thong, used as a weapon; or
- d. A sling shot, which is a forked piece of wood, plastic or metal having an elastic band fastened to the prongs for shooting small stones, metal balls, or pebbles; or
- e. A club, chains or metal knuckles; or
- f. A device commonly known as "throwing stars", multi-pointed metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect; or
- g. Any knife which is a cutting or stabbing instrument with a sharp blade set in a handle; or
- h. A dirk, which is a type of dagger; or
- i. Any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks", consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal plastic or similar substance connected with wire, rope or other means;
- j. Any explosives or incendiary components, which by themselves, or in conjunction with other items, can result in an explosion or fire, such as explosive materials, blasting caps, fireworks, gasoline, other flammable liquids, ammunition, or any combination of these items generally referred to as a bomb; or
- k. Stun type devices (i.e., Taser).

Exceptions: Except in extenuating or exceptional circumstances the following discipline shall apply for all offenses:

- a. The principal/designee shall place the student on suspension or emergency expulsion, in accordance with Washington Administrative Code, Chapter 180-40.
- b. The principal/designee shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing of the suspension or emergency expulsion of the student, and of their opportunity for a hearing to appeal such action. (WAC 180-40-265), (WAC 180-40-300)
- c. The principal/designee shall notify appropriate law enforcement personnel with any violation of 2.0, subsection "a" and may notify appropriate law enforcement personnel with any violation of 2.0, subsections "b" through "i".

- d. In cases involving any student who is determined to have carried a firearm onto, or to have possessed a firearm on public school premises, public school provided transportation or areas of facilities being used exclusively by public schools, shall be expelled from school for not less than one year under RCW 28A.600.010. The Superintendent of the School District may modify the expulsion of a student on a case by case basis.
- e. In cases involving weapons other than firearms, the student shall face disciplinary action up to and including long-term suspension, unless expulsion is warranted under the circumstances.

Policy Notice to Students. All students shall be made aware of the provisions of this policy on their first day of school. The policy shall not apply to any student engaged in military activities sponsored by the Federal or State government, an authorized class or program activity which uses equipment and/or tools for instructional and training purposes; provided, however, all exceptions must be under the supervision of a District staff member and the objects known to be in the student's possession.

Legal References: RCW 9.41.250.....Dangerous weapons-Penalty
9.41.270..... Weapons apparently capable of producing bodily harm-
..... Unlawful carrying or handling-Penalty-Exceptions
9.41.280..... Possessing dangerous weapons on school facilities-
..... Penalty-Exceptions.
28A.600.010..... Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules
.....and regulations for—Due process guarantees—Enforcement
WAC 180-40Pupils
180-40-210Student responsibilities and duties
180-40-265 Long-Term Suspension—Notice of hearing—
..... Waiver of hearing right
180-40-300Emergency expulsion—Notice of hearing—
..... Waiver of hearing right