

## WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

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It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively by public schools for school activities.

The Superintendent is directed to see that all school facilities post “Weapon-Free Zone” signs and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following persons may carry firearms into school buildings, as necessary, although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises:

- A. Any person engaged in military law enforcement, or school district security activities
- B. Any person who is involved in a convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed;
- C. Any person while the person is participating in a firearms or air gun competition approved by the school or school district;
- D. Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer.

The following persons over eighteen years of age and not enrolled as students may have firearms in their possession on school property outside of school buildings:

- A. Persons with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who are picking up or dropping off students; and
- B. Persons conducting legitimate business at the school and in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon, if the weapon is secured within an attended vehicle is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle.
- C. Persons may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school premises if the weapons are lawfully within the person’s possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts class.

### **Personal Protection Spray Devices**

- **Possession of Personal Protection Spray Devices**  
Persons over eighteen years of age, and persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission, may possess personal protection spray devices on school property.

- **Delivery of Personal Protection Spray Devices**  
No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices, nor may anyone eighteen years or older, deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen, or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission.
- **Use of Personal Protection Spray Devices**  
Personal protection spray devices may not be used other than in self-defense as defined by state law.

Possession, transmission or use of personal protection spray devices under any other circumstances is a violation of district policy.

School officials shall notify the student's parents or guardians, and the appropriate law enforcement agency, of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, including a one-year expulsion for a violation involving a firearm or dangerous weapon. The Superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Any employee violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action/termination.

<b>Legal References:</b>	RCW 9.41.280	Dangerous weapons on school grounds
	RCW 9A.16.020	Use of force – when lawful
	RCW 9.91.160	Personal Protection Spray Devices
	RCW 28A.600.420	Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities
		Penalty - Exemptions

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