

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: WEAPONS
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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p>
<p>2. Definitions SC 1317.2</p>	<p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury within the Career Center. Any tool used outside of its designated function may be considered a weapon.</p> <p>Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; in a vehicle or bag brought onto school property by the student; or otherwise under the student's control while the student is on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1317.2 SC 1317.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The JOC prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into the Career Center, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a Career Center sponsored activity.</p> <p>The Career Center shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy in coordination with the LEA of residence. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Executive Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. In the case of a violation involving a replica, the Executive Director may take into consideration the age of the student involved, the nature of the replica in question, the prior disciplinary record of the student, and other mitigating circumstances in recommending appropriate disciplinary action other than expulsion.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1317.2 20 U.S.C. Seq. 1400 et seq</p>	<p>In the case of a student with disabilities, the Executive Director shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow JOC policy.</p>

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SC 1317.2	The Executive Director or designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians and to local law enforcement officials.
SC 1317.2	The Executive Director or designee shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon to the Department of Education.
SC 1303-A	The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.
SC 1303-A	Acts of violence or possession of a weapon in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.
5. Guidelines	Students, staff and parents/guardians shall be informed at least annually concerning this policy.
SC 1317.2	An exception to this policy may be made by the Executive Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed. Students who require the use of a look-alike weapon for educational purposes must request permission from the building principal, prior to the class, and keep the look-alike weapon in the school office when not being used in class.
18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922	Weapons under the control of law enforcement are permitted. In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1303-A, 1317.2</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1</p> <p>Possession of Weapon on School Property - Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p> <p>Gun Control Act - 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act - 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.</p> <p>Gun-Free School Act - 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act - 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations - 34 CFR Part 300</p> <p>Board Policy - 233</p>