

**Board of Trustees  
Douglas County School District**

**STUDENTS**

**SAFE SCHOOLS**

**WEAPONS/FIGHTING/INTIMIDATION**

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that Douglas County schools provide a safe environment for all students and staff in order to promote learning. In order to accomplish this, all weapons, intimidation, and fighting are strictly prohibited at "school", which is defined as: in school facilities, on school grounds, including during lunch and break periods, at any school-sponsored activities, on a school bus, at a school bus stop, or on the way to or from school. This also includes conduct off school property that materially and substantially affects and disrupts school operations or causes school officials to reasonably believe that it will do so. Students who are involved in these activities will receive the following consequences:

1. Guns – Consistent with the Gun-Free Schools Act of October 1994, a student bringing a gun, firearm, or explosive device to school, will receive a minimum of one-year expulsion from Douglas County schools. In addition, school administrators will notify the Douglas County Sheriff's Department when they become aware that a student has possessed a gun at school. Guns, firearms, and explosive devices are defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code and NRS 202.265.
2. Dangerous Weapons – Consistent with Nevada Revised Statute 392.466 and NRS 202.265, a student bringing a dangerous weapon to school will receive a minimum of a one-year expulsion from Douglas County schools although he/she may be placed in another kind of school. In addition, the school administrator will notify the Douglas County Sheriff's Department as soon as they determine that a student has possessed a dangerous weapon at school. Dangerous weapons are defined by NRS 392.466; however, a dangerous weapon can include any weapon or object used, or intended to be used, upon another person when such weapon or object is capable of inflicting physical injury.
3. Knives/Other Weapons Not Covered by NRS392.466 and Board Policy 529A, Number 2 – This category includes those knives and/or weapons that are not specified in NRS 392.466. Any student who brings a knife and/or a weapon to school shall:
  - A. For the first offense, be suspended by the site administrator for a period of 3-10 days. The site administrator may, at his or her discretion, refer the matter to the Board of Trustees and request additional discipline.
  - B. For the second or a subsequent offense, be suspended by the site administrator for a period of ten days. The site administrator must also refer the matter to the Board of Trustees for consideration of additional discipline.

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4. Dangerous Knives – Students found in possession of a knife at school, not specifically defined in NRS 392.466, may be brought before the Board for consideration of expulsion if the knife is capable of inflicting bodily harm and has any one of the following characteristics:

- A blade measuring 2 inches or more from the hilt to the tip including hunting and utility knives.
- A spring blade, snap blade, or any other device where the blade of the knife can be opened through any mechanism including a flick of the wrist.
- A blade that is sharpened on both sides.
- A handle having handgrips.
- A handle having a hand guard or other device to protect the hand when stabbing.
- Any fixed bladed knife.

The principal will consult with the superintendent to determine if the incident warrants suspension or recommendation for expulsion.

Students should be made aware that if a knife is inadvertently brought to school, the student must immediately give the knife to a staff member for safekeeping. The parent will be called to pick up the knife, and the student will not be subject to any disciplinary action.

5. Fighting/Intimidation – Any student who fights or intimidates others through personal actions at school, on the bus, to or from school, or school-sponsored events can be suspended up to ten days or be recommended for expulsion for each occurrence.

6. Bullying and Cyber-bullying - Any student who engages in bullying or cyber-bullying behavior as described in NRS 388.122. will have consequences as determined by the site Progressive Discipline Plan. (See also Administrative Regulation 543).

In order to be proactive about the importance of safe schools, parents and students will be notified at the beginning of each school year or at the time of their enrollment about the contents of this policy.

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[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)  
[See Also: Safe and Respectful Learning Environment AR543](#)  
[Safe Schools: Drug and Alcohol Policy 523](#)  
[Safe Schools: Gang Policy 540](#)  
[Suspension and Expulsion 529](#)  
[Use of Medications: Policy 508](#)