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Weapons and Firearms

It is the policy of the Pasco School District that there be no tolerance for the possession or use of weapons or firearms by students. Students may not possess or use weapons on school property, on school-provided transportation, in areas or facilities being used exclusively by a school, or at school-sponsored events or activities.

Weapons prohibited by this policy include firearms, “dangerous weapons”, and “deadly weapons” as defined under federal and state law. Weapons prohibited by this policy also include explosives, items capable of producing bodily harm, and objects, including toys or replicas, that can be reasonably used to inflict serious bodily injury when such an item is used with the intent to harm or intimidate another student, or when there is no other reasonable purpose for possessing the object except to use it as a weapon.

Possession or use of a firearm in violation of this policy shall result in a minimum one (1) year expulsion from the district. The superintendent or designee may modify the mandatory expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions to this policy may be made only as allowed by state law and authorized by the district. Schools shall post “Gun-Free Zone” signs around their facilities.

Any student who possesses any weapon, other than a firearm, in violation of this policy may be expelled or be subject to other school discipline as provided in board policy and state law.

The principal or designee shall promptly notify law enforcement and the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of an alleged violation of this policy.

Cross References:	Board Policy 4315 3300-3331	Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises Corrective Actions or Punishments
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Legal References:	RCW 9.41.010 9.41.250 9.41.280 9.94A.602 28A.600.420 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921 20 U.S.C. Sec. 8921	Firearm defined Dangerous weapon defined Possessing dangerous weapons on school facilities—Penalty Deadly weapon defined Firearms on school premises, transportation or facilities— penalty—exemptions Firearm defined Gun Free Schools Act of 1994
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