

Students

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The Board of Education determines that possession and/or use of a weapon by a student is detrimental to the welfare and safety of the students and school personnel within the district. Possession and/or use of any dangerous or deadly weapon in any school building on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. Such weapons include but are not limited to any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun or spring gun; slingshot; bludgeon; brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind; knives having a blade of greater than two inches, any knife the blades of which can be opened by a flick of a button or pressure on the handle, or any pocketknife where the blade is carried in a partially opened position; martial arts weapon; destructive device. Pursuant to federal law, the term firearm includes, but is not limited to, any weapon designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or destructive device. A student who violates this policy will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

The possession or use of any such weapon will require that the proceedings for the suspension and/or expulsion of the student involved will be initiated immediately by the Principal, in accordance with New London Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct. If the student is found to have possessed a firearm or other dangerous weapon as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 53a-3 in violation of 29-35 or 53-206, in or on the real property of a school or at any school activity as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233a, he or she must be expelled for one calendar year. The Board of Education or hearing board may modify the period of expulsion on a case by case basis. To comply with federal law, any finding of an exception shall be reduced to writing. All legal restrictions and requirements will be adhered to pertaining to special education students.

(cf. 5114 – Removal/Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5131 – Student Conduct)

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.
10-233a through 10-233f - Expulsion as amended by PA 95-304
53a-3 Definitions.
53a-217b - Possession of firearms and deadly weapons on school grounds
53-206 Carrying and sale of dangerous weapons.
PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety.
GOALS 2000: Educate America Act
18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.
USCA 7151 – No Child Left Behind Act
New London Public Schools Student Code of Conduct

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