

Holbrook Public Schools

**WEAPONS POLICY**

Violence, especially violence in connection with weapons, will not be tolerated.

Weapons of any kind shall not be brought onto property under school jurisdiction. Weapons shall include, but not be limited to, hand guns, shot guns, rifles, knives, blackjacks, clubs, chemical sprays, explosives and ammunition. In this connection, student possession of a locker is nonexclusive against the school and its officials; that is, reasonable searches of lockers by school officials can be expected.

In accordance with the Gun Free Schools Act of 1994, any student who is determined to have brought firearms to school or to a school-related event will be excluded from the Holbrook Public Schools for a period of not less than one year, except as determined by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. The definition of a firearm includes but is not limited to guns (including a starter gun, bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles, mines and similar devices).

In accordance with **MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 71, §37L**, school department personnel shall report in writing to their immediate supervisor an incident involving a student's possession or use of a dangerous weapon on school premises at any time. Supervisors who receive such a weapon report shall file it with the superintendent who shall file copies of said weapon report with the local chief of police, the department of social services or its equivalent in any school district, the office of student services or its equivalent in any school district, and the local school committee. Said superintendent, police chief, and representative from the department of social services, together with a representative from the office of student services or its equivalent, shall arrange an assessment of the student involved in said weapon report. Said student shall be referred to a counseling program; provided, however that said counseling should be in accordance with acceptable standards as set forth by the board of education. Upon completion of a counseling session, those will make a follow-up assessment of said student involved in the initial assessment.

A student transferring into a local system must provide the new school system with a complete school record of entering student. Said record shall include, but not be limited to, any incidents involving suspension or violation of criminal acts or any incident reports in which such student was charged with any suspended act.

Principals shall notify parents, ensure due process and shall expedite action.

Principals shall insure that violators of the policy are provided appropriate intervention and counseling. Parent participation in the intervention process shall be encouraged.

LEGAL REF:           20 U.S.C. §8921  
                              MGL 71:37H

REF:                    School Handbooks

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