

Weapons Possession

Section A - Introduction

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a safe environment for the students and staff. To that end, any student who has been determined to be in possession of a weapon shall be processed according to this policy. Recommendations will be processed in accordance with the provisions of Section 5/10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code.

Section B – Jurisdiction

The provisions of this policy shall be in force:

- 1. In any physical area on or attendant to school or District property;
- 2. At any school or District-sponsored or related activities, performances, extracurricular and athletic events;
- 3. During school or District-sanctioned or provided travel and transportation; and
- 4. At any other activity or event, if the administration determines that the incident bears a connection to, or impact on the school, safety at school, or is disruptive to the educational environment.

Section C - Possession of a Weapon

For the purposes of this policy a student in possession of a weapon includes any student who is:

- 1. Determined to be or have been in possession of a weapon within the Jurisdiction; or
- 2. Determined to be or have been in possession of a weapon which was brought within the Jurisdiction by another student, which weapon was given or possessed by the student to be expelled.

Section D – Definition of a Weapon

The term "weapon" means:

- Any gun, rifle, shotgun, firearm, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18, United States Code; Firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Act [430 ILCS 65/1.1]; or use of a weapon as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code [720 ILCS 5/24-1]; or
- 2. Knives, brass knuckles, or billy clubs; or
- 3. Objects such as automobiles, baseball bats, pipes, bottles, locks, sticks, pencils, pens, needles, pins, ice picks or other pointed or blunt objects if used, intended, or attempted to be used, or threatened to be used to cause bodily harm, and any other object possessed, used, or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, or modified in a manner for use in causing bodily harm; or
- 4. "Look-alikes" of any weapon as defined in this section.

<u>Section E – Violations</u>

The building administration will review incidents of possible violations of this policy and implement due process and any necessary investigation. If the charges are found to be valid, violations of this policy will be processed in accordance with the Policy and Procedures for Board Policy 7:191: Disciplinary Action Relative to Student Misconduct and the procedures as outlined in the Parent/Guardian and Student Handbook.



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