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DEADLY WEAPONS

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Possession of a deadly weapon on school property or on a school bus with the intention to do bodily harm is a Class III felony. All persons, other than authorized law enforcement personnel, are prohibited from bringing or possessing any deadly weapon or dangerous instrument on school property and specific penalties for students and school personnel who violate this policy, notwithstanding any criminal penalties, may also be imposed.

The Satsuma City Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to immediately suspend any student found in possession of a deadly weapon. A deadly weapon shall be defined as anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious physical injury. Deadly weapons are not to be carried by students on school grounds, on school buses and/or at any school-sponsored event, during or after regular school hours.

A student determined to have brought to school or have in his/her possession a firearm defined in Section 921 Title 18 of the U.S. Code in a school building, on school grounds, or at other school-sponsored functions shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) year. The Board and the Superintendent may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.

The Satsuma City Board of Education directs the Superintendent to provide the State Department of Education a description of the circumstances surrounding each expulsion pursuant to this policy. This description shall include:

- I. The name of the school concerned;
- II. The number of students expelled;
- III. The types of weapons concerned.

Persons found guilty of violating a weapons policy may be referred for a psychiatric or psychological evaluation to establish that the person does not represent a threat to the safety of any student or employee of the school system prior to readmission to the Satsuma City School System. Satsuma City School System may also request information from any agency providing services to the student.

Discipline of Satsuma City School System students with disabilities who violate this deadly weapons policy shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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Any person who violates the provisions of this policy may be arrested on the appropriate warrant signed by the principal or appropriate school authority.

If pursuant to a Satsuma City Board of Education hearing, any person is found guilty of violating this policy, such person shall not be admitted to school until any criminal charges or offenses arising from such conduct have been disposed of by proper authorities, and such violator(s) have satisfied all other requirements imposed by the Board as a condition for readmission.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-1-30**

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**CODE OF ALABAMA
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