

# ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SECTION:** PROPERTY  
**TITLE:** WEAPONS PROHIBITED ON  
DISTRICT PROPERTY  
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## 709.1 WEAPONS PROHIBITED ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

### Section 1: Purpose

The Board values the safety and security of students, staff, board members and the general public. The Board recognizes that, with limited exceptions, the presence of weapons on District property constitutes a danger and is prohibited by law.

### Section 2: Authority

District Policy No. 218.1, which prohibits the possession, transmission, handling, use and bringing of weapons by a student, is incorporated by reference into this Policy and it is extended to apply to all members of the general public. 18 Pa.C.S.A. §912. The Board has the authority to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem proper, consistent with applicable law. 25 P.S. § 5-510.

### Section 3: Definitions

“Weapon” for purposes of this policy shall include, but is not limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nun-chuck stick, firearm, shotgun, rifle and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. 18 Pa.C.S.A. §912(a).

“Inspection” shall consist of a visual review of the contents of a parcel for contraband as provided by this Policy. “Inspection” shall not include physical manipulation of the contents of a parcel.

### Section 4: Delegation of Responsibility

For good-cause at the determination of the Superintendent in consultation with the Board, the public may be subject to inspection of parcels or entry through metal detection devices at public events.

### Section 5: Guidelines

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that notice of this policy shall be made to the general public at least annually.

This prohibition does not apply to officers duly sworn to and in good standing with public law enforcement.

### Inspection

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If, during an inspection of the general public, the presence of a weapon is indicated, the individual with the weapon must immediately remove the weapon from District property. A second inspection will be conducted upon return to District property and the individual shall not be readmitted until the weapon has been removed from District property.

Individuals refusing to submit to an inspection shall not be admitted.

An individual who is in possession of a weapon and who refuses to remove such weapon from District property shall be immediately reported to law enforcement.

Any inspection shall be conducted in accordance with the law, shall be reasonable in scope and shall be non-discriminatory in nature.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for providing verbal and written notice to the public at all public events where inspections are being conducted. Such notice must be prominent. Accordingly, notice must be clearly visible and verbally articulated prior to the point of inspection. Such notice shall include language such as the following: "NOTICE: Weapons are prohibited. All personal property is subject to inspection." Individuals shall be freely permitted to voluntarily leave District grounds upon being notified of the inspection.

### References:

Crimes Code - 18 Pa.C.S.A. §912

Board Policy No. 218.1