

**Tumwater School District
Board Policy**

**REGULATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS
ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry or possess a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities.

The superintendent is directed to see that all school facilities post “Gun-Free Zone” signs, and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following persons may carry firearms into school buildings, as necessary, although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises:

1. Persons engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities;
2. Persons involved in a school authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety course;
3. Persons competing in school authorized firearm or air gun competitions; and
4. Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer.

The following persons over eighteen years of age and not enrolled as students may have firearms in their possession on school property outside of school buildings:

1. Persons with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who are picking up or dropping off students; and
2. Persons conducting legitimate business at the school and in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon if the weapon is secured within an attended vehicle, is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle.

Persons may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school premises if the weapons are lawfully within the person's possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts class.

School officials shall notify the student's parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, including a one-year expulsion for a violation involving a firearm. However, the superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Legal References: RCW 9.41.280
RCW 9A.16.020

Dangerous weapons on school grounds
Use of force — when lawful

RCW 28A.600.420

Firearms on school premises,
transportation, or facilities —
Penalty — Exemptions

Management Resources:

Policy News 8/06

Policy News 8/98

Policy News 10/97

Weapons on School Premises

State Encourages Modification of
Weapons Policy

Legislature also addresses “look-
alike” firearms

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