

## **WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Weapons, whether visible or concealed, are not permitted on school property, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities. This policy applies to students, faculty, staff, and members of the public alike. Student, faculty, and staff violations of this policy will result in both school/school district disciplinary action and notification of local law enforcement authorities. A student violation of this policy will result in immediate confiscation of the weapon and notice to the student's parents or guardians. If the student violation involves a firearm, the police will be notified and disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the mandates of RSA 193:13 III, which states that any pupil who brings or possesses a firearm in a safe school zone without written authorization shall be expelled from school for a period of not less than 12 months. This expulsion may be modified by the Superintendent upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law.

Members of the public who violate this policy will be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

The term "weapons" includes, but is not limited to firearms (rifles, pistols, revolvers, pellet guns, BB guns, etc.), knives, slingshots, metallic knuckles, firecrackers, billy-clubs, stilettos, switchblade knives, martial arts weapons, self-defense weapons (as defined by RSA 159:24 and RSA 159:20 respectively), or any other substance, object, or thing which, by appearance or function, is known, or thought to, or is capable of producing death or bodily injury.

The superintendent of schools, or designee, shall have the authority, pursuant to RSA 193:13 III, to grant written authorization to a student or others to possess a firearm or other weapon on school property. Any such authorization shall be requested in writing; any such request by a student shall also be signed by a parent or guardian. The authorization shall be issued in advance of the possession. Any such authorization shall identify the student or others, the weapon or firearm, the purpose of the possession, and time frames(s) of the authorization.

The only persons who are exempt from this policy are law enforcement personnel.

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