

832 – WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

No person including someone with a state-issued concealed carry license, shall use or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under section 948.61 of the state statutes) in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the School District, on school premises, in school-provided transportation, or at any school-sponsored or school-supervised activity, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy.

The following are exceptions to the policy prohibition:

A. This prohibition does not apply where state law prohibits a School District from restricting any individual's right to possess a firearm or other weapon in a location covered by this policy (e.g., law enforcement officers possessing a firearm or other weapon on school grounds in the line of duty; individuals 21 years of age or older licensed to carry a concealed weapon possessing or storing an authorized handgun that is unloaded and encased in their motor vehicle parked on school grounds).

B. The building principal may allow a weapon on school premises for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal except during the actual demonstration or presentation.

C. Firearms or other weapons used for hunting may be allowed on school property for hunter safety classes, but only during non-school hours and after approval, in writing, from the District Administrator. The person(s) conducting the hunter safety class will assume responsibility for the safe handling and care of the firearms/weapons, and see to it that all firearms/weapons are removed from the premises promptly after the class.

D. Hunting and trapping is prohibited with the exception of hunts for the disabled authorized through the District Administrator. Hunting will only be allowed in the school forest when school or rental groups are not using the property and with written permission from the District Administrator. All persons authorized to hunt in the school forest shall abide by state and federal laws while hunting on

school forest property including without limitation, laws applicable to firearms and hunting, and shall abide by all District rules regarding the use of the school forest.

Any student who possesses a firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy shall be suspended from school, referred for an expulsion hearing and expelled from school for not less than one year. The School Board may modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. Students possessing other weapons in violation of this or any other policy or rule shall be subject to appropriate school disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion from school. Parent(s)/guardian(s) that have access to student records will be notified of student weapons violations in all cases. A law enforcement or juvenile justice referral shall also be made for all students violating this policy.

Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies, agreements and handbooks and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

The District Administrator or designee shall determine the appropriate means of informing students, employees and the public of this policy, including any specific notice(s) that are required under applicable law.

Legal References: Sections 118.07; 118.31; 120.13(1); 120.13(38); 175.60; 941.23; 943.13; 948.60; 948.605; & 948.61 of Wisconsin Statutes and Federal Gun-Free Schools Act; Act 18 U.S.C Sec. 921(a); & Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Adopted: October 15, 1997 (as Dangerous Weapons Possession)

Revised: July 18, 2012, February 15, 2017