

Students

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

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Prohibited weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 48915, 49330; Penal Code 626.10, 16100-17360, 30310)

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, machineguns, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, cane guns, camouflaging firearms, and any other device from which is expelled through a barrel and capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Ammunition or reloaded ammunition
3. Knives, razor blades, and box cutters: any dirks, daggers (or concealed dirks or daggers), cane swords, ice picks, or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3-1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, switchblade knives, and razors with an unguarded blade
4. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, rockets or rocket propelled projectile launchers, cap guns, bullets containing or carrying an explosive agent, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices or concealed explosive substances
5. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun
6. Any other dangerous device, instrument, or weapon, including those defined in Penal Code 16000-34370, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
7. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm

Any employee may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the district. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

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In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall use the employee's own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall take one of the following actions:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

When informing the principal about the possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of the possession.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

The employee shall retain possession of the instrument until the risk of its use as a weapon has dissipated or, upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, until the parent/guardian appears and personally takes possession. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Ed. Code 35291

Ed. Code 48902

Ed. Code 48915

Ed. Code 48916

Ed. Code 48980

Ed. Code 49330-49335

Ed. Code 49390-49395

Pen. Code 16100-17360

Pen. Code 22810-23025

Pen. Code 245

Pen. Code 25200-25225

Description

Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools

Mandatory notification of law enforcement authorities

Required recommendation for expulsions

Readmission

Parent/Guardian notifications

Injurious objects

Homicide threats

Definitions

Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)

Assault with deadly weapon

Firearms; access to children

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Pen. Code 30310
Pen. Code 417.4
Pen. Code 626.10

Pen. Code 626.9

Federal

20 USC 6301-8961
20 USC 7961
6 USC 665k

Management Resources

CSBA Publication

U.S. Department of Education
Publication

Website

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Cross References

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Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds
Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting
Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or
possessing in school

Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

Description

No Child Left Behind Act

Gun-Free Schools Act

Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-
Based Practices

Description

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure
Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011

Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities
Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, 2018

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Fusion Centers](#)

[California State Threat Assessment System](#)

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal
Services](#)

[U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools](#)

[National Alliance for Safe Schools](#)

[National School Safety Center](#)

[U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug
Free Schools](#)

[California Department of Education, Safe Schools](#)

[CSBA](#)

Description

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Regulation

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