

**Regulation**

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WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The following guidelines shall apply to students suspected of having weapons or dangerous instruments:

- A. When a student is suspected of having a firearm or deadly weapon, that student shall be removed from the rest of the student body and detained in the school office. The principal or his/her designee shall make every reasonable effort to investigate the situation to either validate the charge or exonerate the student;
- B. If the student does not cooperate and/or there is indication that the student may harm himself/herself, the principal shall notify local law enforcement immediately;
- C. The principal/designee shall investigate the circumstances of the incident and shall make the final determination that a particular object is a dangerous instrument;
- D. If the suspicion is validated, the police department shall be notified as prescribed in the memorandum of agreement (see policy 5131.5 Violence/Vandalism). The student's parents shall be notified and those procedures in place for dealing with a serious disciplinary offense shall be instituted immediately;
- E. When the student poses an immediate threat of bodily harm to others, the police may be called to remove the student from the school location. Protection of other students and school personnel takes priority over parent notification;
- F. It shall be the responsibility of the school administration to make every reasonable attempt to reach the parents of the student; however, in the event that the parents cannot be reasonably located and the student is detained by local law enforcement personnel, then procedures developed by the local law enforcement agency and the district attorney shall take precedence;
- G. All due process procedures shall be followed and the board of education shall be kept informed by the chief school administrator.

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