

November 5, 2025

Dear Cheltenham Community -

I'm writing to inform you about an incident that took place at Cheltenham High School this morning. A student parked in a spot assigned to a teacher, and when the teacher got out of their car to see who was in the spot, they noticed what appeared to be a gun inside the student's vehicle.

Cheltenham Township Police responded to the scene and confirmed that the item was indeed a plastic toy gun. The student explained that the toy was part of a Halloween costume and that they were in the process of returning it to its owner. See images below.



As a reminder, according to [Board Policy 218.2](#), the Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons into any District buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and/or onto any school vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school.

Even though this situation turned out to be a false alarm, we encourage families to remind students that even toy or replica weapons can cause alarm and should not be brought to school grounds.

We understand that scenarios like this can cause concern, and we want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain a top priority. We appreciate the quick response of our staff and local law enforcement, and we will continue to reinforce our safety procedures to maintain a secure learning environment for everyone.

Respectfully

Dr. Brian W. Scriven
Superintendent of Schools