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POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

1. A student shall not possess, use, or attempt to use any weapon on school premises or at a school-related situation.

2. In order to protect the students of the Webster Public Schools, the School Committee will expel for a minimum of one calendar year any student found in possession of a gun or a knife on school premises or at a school-sponsored situation.

3. In addition, the School Committee will expel any student who uses or is found in possession of any other weapon on school premises or at a school-sponsored situation:

For the purposes of this policy, a "weapon" includes but is not limited to a gun, knife, slingshot, a blowgun, blackjack, metallic knuckles, including a ring intended to be worn on more than one finger ("fused rings") or knuckles of any substance which could be put to the same use with the same or similar effect as metallic knuckles, nunchaku, zoobow, also known as klackers or kung fu sticks of wood, plastic or metal connected at one end by a length of rope, chain, wire or leather, a shuriken or any similar pointed starlike object intended to injure a person when thrown, or any armband made with leather which has metallic spikes, points or studs or any similar device made from any other substance or a cestus of similar material weighted with metal or other substance and worn on the hand, or a manrikigusari or similar length of chain having weighted ends. Any other device or object used or attempted to be used to inflict bodily harm on a person may be considered a weapon.

This Policy will be implemented according to the due process provisions of the Webster Public School Discipline Code applicable to Regular and Special Education students.

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