Weapons: Possession and Use (General Public)

The use, possession or transfer of weapons by persons on District property is prohibited, with the exception of weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel who are on official business in the District or unless the weapon has been approved by the building principal or supervising administrator for possession in conjunction with a lawful, supervised activity or course.

For purposes of this Policy, District property means on District grounds, school-sponsored activities or public conveyances providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity.

For purposes of this Policy, the term 'weapon' shall include, but not be limited to:

1. any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, and rifle, and

2. any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury possessed with the intent to threaten or harm another person.

Appropriate legal action will be taken against any person who possesses an unapproved weapon, or who assists possession in any way. Persons possessing any unapproved weapon will be reported to the police.

Any weapon possessed by a person while on District property in violation of this Policy is subject to seizure and/or forfeiture.

The District shall notify appropriate parties of any incident on District property, on District transportation, or at a District-sponsored activity, which involves possession of a weapon, as defined in Board policy and state law.

The Superintendent or designee will report to the Office for Safe Schools within the Pennsylvania Department of Education all incidents relating to acts of violence or unapproved possession of a weapon by any person on school property as required.

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