LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

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218.1. WEAPONS

Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.

Definitions

Weapon - the term shall include but is not limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.[1][2]

School Property – School property includes: any school building or structure; and/or exterior school property and grounds, including parking lots and ball fields.

Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker or assigned storage area, or under the student's control**;** while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school or while the students is coming to or from the school, **or in a vehicle owned or operated by the student**, including an unoccupied vehicle parked on school property**.**

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity and onto any vehicle providing transportation to or from the school or a school-sponsored activity, or while the student is coming to or from the school.[2][3][4]

The Joint Operating Committee shall, in coordination with the school district of residence, expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law and Joint Operating Committee Policy.[2][5][6]

The Administrative Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[2]

In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the school shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding

	with law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies.[2][5][7][8][9][10][11]
Delegation of Responsibility	The Administrative Director or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession of a weapon. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school's property, and the school's emergency preparedness plan.[11][12][13][14] When the behavior of a student in possession of a weapon indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy. [15][16]
Reporting	***Law Enforcement Incident Report -*** The Administrative Director or designee shall immediately report incidents involving weapons on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from the school or a school-sponsored activity to the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies.[2][11][13][17][18][19] ***Parental Report - Direct Involvement -*** The Administrative Director or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving weapons as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Administrative Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Administrative Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.[11]**[12]**[18][20] ***Additional Parental and Employee Notifications -*** **The Administrative Director or designee shall, in accordance with applicable law, ensure notification of an incident involving possession of a weapon on school property, at a school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to employees and parents/guardians of students, as follows:[12][21]** 1. **Incident occurring at a school building - Notification to parents/guardians of students enrolled in or attending that school building and school employees assigned to that building.**

	2. **Incident occurring at a school building that shares a campus with other school buildings - Notification to parents/guardians of students enrolled or attending and school employees assigned to any building on the shared campus.** 3. **Incident occurring at a school-sponsored activity or on a public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity - Notification to the appropriate population of parents/guardians and school employees. Notification is not required if the incident is not directly related to the school-sponsored activity or the students or staff involved in the activity.** **Such notification(s) must occur within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident using a method of communication likely to reach designated parents/guardians and employees, unless the circumstances of the incident necessitate otherwise.[12]** ***Annual School Safety and Security Incidents Report -*** In accordance with state law, the Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving possession of a weapon to the PA Department of Education on the required form.[11][13][17]
Guidelines	The building administrator shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the Joint Operating Committee policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community. An exception to this policy may be made by the Administrative Director, in accordance with law, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.[2] In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.[22][23] Transfer Students When the school receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the school may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.[2]

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