

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS/DANGEROUS
INSTRUMENTS

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218.1. WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS	
1. 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.
2. Definitions SC 1317.2	<p>Weapon – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchucks, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; 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 student is coming to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2, 1850.1	<p>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 school or a school-sponsored activity.</p> <p>MCTI may recommended, to the sending school, expulsion for a period of not less than one (1) year for any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>In the case of an exceptional student, the Director shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Act.</p>
4. Guidelines SC 1317.2 Pol. 233	<p>Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.</p> <p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> <p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</p>

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	<p>It is understood that various vocational and technical laboratories routinely use tools which, if improperly used, could be considered a weapon. Under no circumstances are these tools to be removed from their respective laboratories, without prior administrative approval. School officials and staff members have the responsibility to emphasize their proper and intended uses. Also, they may not be transported to or from the school by students using school district bus transportation.</p> <p>The Director shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents and to local law enforcement officials.</p> <p>The Director or a designee shall take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.</p> <p>Act of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p>
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