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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

It shall be the policy of the Oxford Area School District that no weapon shall be found on the person of a student, under a student's control, on school property or at any school activity either held on school property or any school activity held away from school property. For purposes of this policy the definition of a weapon shall include, but not be limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. The term weapon shall also include items which are replicas or look-alike weapons which by virtue of appearance or the manner in which displayed would cause reasonable apprehension of a threat to a safe school environment.

No student shall interfere with the normal conduct of activities on school premises by exhibiting, using or threatening the use of any weapon, dangerous instrument or item resembling a weapon or dangerous instrument. Any student violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school. When appropriate, criminal charges will be filed with the police in cases where the possession and/or concealment of a dangerous weapon is consistent with the prohibitions as defined in civil law.

Unless otherwise stipulated, expulsion from school for violation of this policy shall be for a period of time not less than one (1) year.

In those cases where the violation of this policy involves a student with a defined disability, enforcement of this policy shall be consistent with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations or guidelines.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish procedures and guidelines for the implementation and enforcement of this policy. These procedures and guidelines shall include provisions for implementation which take into consideration the age and grade level of the student and those cases of violations of this policy involving students with disabilities.

The Superintendent shall be allowed to modify any disciplinary requirement for violation of this policy by a student including expulsion on a case-by-case basis in those instances where the possession of a weapon in school requires expulsion from school for a period of time consistent with state or federal law.