Board Policy 3331: Weapons at School

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Gun-Free Schools

A student who uses, possesses, controls, or transfers a firearm, or any object that can reasonably be considered to be or look like a firearm, shall be expelled for at least one calendar year. The Board, however, may modify the expulsion period on a case-by-case basis. The building administrator shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of any student who brings a firearm to school.

If a student violating this policy is has a disability, either under the IDEA or Section 504, a determination must be made whether the student's conduct is related to the disability. If the violation of the policy is due to a disability recognized by the IDEA or Section 504, lawful procedures for changes in placement must be followed.

Any student subject to an expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board, in accordance with Idaho Code and Board policy.

Possession of a Weapon on School Property – Misdemeanor

No person shall possess a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon while on school property or in those portions of any building, stadium, or other structure on school grounds which, at the time of the violation, are being used for an activity sponsored by or through a school in this State or while riding school provided transportation. This also applies to students of schools while attending or participating in any school sponsored activity, program, or event regardless of location.

As used in this section of this policy only:

1. "Deadly or dangerous weapon" means any weapon as defined in United States Code. This term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2½ inches in length. and
2. "Firearm" means any firearm as defined in United States Code.

Any person who possesses, carries, or stores a weapon in a school building or on school property, except as provided below, shall be referred to law enforcement for immediate prosecution, as well as face disciplinary action by the District.

The Board may grant persons and entities advance permission to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building. All persons who wish to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building shall present this request to the Board in a regular meeting. It is solely within the Board's discretion whether to allow a person to possess carry or store a weapon in a school building.

This section of this policy does not apply to:

1. Law enforcement personnel;

2. Any adult over 18 years of age and not enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school who has lawful possession of a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon, secured and locked in their vehicle in an unobtrusive, nonthreatening manner;

3. A person who lawfully possesses a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon in a private vehicle while delivering minor children, students, or school employees to and from school or a school activity; or

4. A person or an employee of the school or District who is authorized to carry a firearm with the permission of the Board of Trustees.

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Legal References	Description
18 USC § 921	**Firearms - Definitions**
18 USC § 930	**Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Federal Facilities**
20 USC § 7961	**Gun-Free Requirements**
29 USC § 701, et seq.	**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**
IC § 18-3302D	**Possessing Weapons or Firearms on School Property**
IC § 18-3302I	**Threatening Violence on School Grounds**
IC § 33-1224	**Powers and Duties of Teachers**
IC § 33-205	**Denial of School Attendance**
IDAPA 08.02.03.109.05	**Special Education**
IDAPA 08.02.03.160.01.a	**Safe Environment and Discipline**