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The Joint Committee recognizes the importance of a safe school environment to the educational process. The use, possession or transfer of weapons by persons on EASTERN property is prohibited unless the weapon has been approved by the Director or supervising administrator for possession in conjunction with a lawful, supervised activity or course.

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

For purposes of this Policy, the term 'weapon' shall be defined consistent with Act 167 of 1980 and 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 wielded with the intent to threaten or harm another person. The term 'weapon' does not include utensils intended to be used by a student or employee in connection with consumption of food on EASTERN property.

Appropriate disciplinary and/or 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 on or about a person while on EASTERN property in violation of this Policy is subject to seizure and/or forfeiture.

The Director 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 EASTERN property as required.

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