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BOARD POLICY

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

REGULATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Dangerous Weapons

It is unlawful for a person to carry the following weapons onto, or to possess them on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools:

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as “nun-chu-ka sticks,” consisting of two or more length of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means, unless the device to be used in martial arts classes authorized to be conducted on the school premises;
- Any device, commonly known as “throwing stars,” which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect, unless the device is be used in martial arts classes authorized to be conducted on the school premises;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;
- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as sling shot, sand club, or metal knuckles;
or
- Any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as spring blade knife, meaning any knife, including a prototype, model, or other sample, with a blade that is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement.

In addition, the District considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife, razor, dirk, or dagger, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities;

- Any object other than those listed above which is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another person and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury;
- A sling shot;
- Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;
- Any explosive;
- Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument which has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.

“Gun Free Zone” Signs

The superintendent will ensure that all school facilities post "Gun-Free Zone" signs, and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Reporting Dangerous Weapons

An appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student’s parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy.

Exceptions to State Law and this Policy

This policy does not apply to:

- Persons engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities. However, a person who is not a commissioned law enforcement officer and who provides school security services under the direction of a school administrator may not possess any type of stun gun device unless he or she has successfully completed training in the use of such devices that is equivalent to the training received by commissioned law enforcement officers;
- Persons involved in a school authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety course authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed;
- Persons when competing in school authorized firearm or air gun competitions, provided that students engaged in these activities have written preauthorization from the principal or designee;
- Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer;
- Persons in possession of a pistol who have been issued a concealed weapons permit under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while picking up or dropping off a student;
- Any nonstudent at least eighteen years of age in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an attended vehicle, is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view within a locked unattended vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the school;

Instruments and devices that could be considered as ‘dangerous weapons’, such as ‘exacto’ knives and scalpels may be used for instructional purposes only and must be under direct staff supervision. Such instructional instruments must be provided and accounted for by the school and kept in the classroom or instructional setting.

Personal Protection Spray

Persons over eighteen years of age and persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission, may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices. No one eighteen years or older may deliver a

spray device to anyone under fourteen or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission.

Personal protection spray devices may not be used other than in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission or use of personal protection spray devices under any other circumstances is a violation of district policy.

Penalties For Violations of Dangerous Weapons Policy

Any person who violates this policy is subject to district discipline policies and/or legal action. Any student who is determined to have carried a firearm onto or to have possessed a firearm on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by a public school will be subject to a minimum one calendar year expulsion, with possible case-by-case modification by the superintendent pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420.

The District will also comply with federal protections for disabled students in the application of this policy.

Nothing in this policy prevents the District from continuing to provide educational services in an alternative setting to a student who has been expelled under this policy from their regular school setting.

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Cross References:

Board Policy 3200 Student Conduct and Discipline
Board Policy 4330 Use of School Facilities

Legal References:

RCW 9A.16.020 Use of force – when lawful
RCW 9.41.250 Dangerous weapons – Penalty
RCW 9.41.280 Dangerous weapons on facilities – Penalty – Exceptions
RCW 9.91.160 Personal protection spray devices
RCW 28A.600.420 Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities – Penalty – Exemptions