

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Board desires students at school to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board, therefore, prohibits students from possessing weapons, replicas of weapons, or dangerous instruments of no reasonable use to a student at school, while they are in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, going to or coming from school, during the lunch period whether on or off campus, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school.

Students possessing, exhibiting, threatening, or using a weapon, dangerous object, or facsimile against others are subject to immediate suspension, expulsion, and fines in accordance with law. (Education Code 48915)

Students who bring a firearm (handgun, shotgun, rifle, and other firearms that include explosive devices) to school will be expelled for not less than one year. Expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis. Education Code 48915 – 48916 and BP 5152)

Principals shall not permit the possession of weapons or dangerous instruments at school. Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion or propulsion.
2. Cutting and puncturing devices: all knives (with a blade longer than 3.5 inches), including Swiss army knives; dirks; daggers; or razors with an unguarded blade.
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of flammable fluids, and other hazardous substances and devices (i.e., firecrackers, M-80's, chemical devices/sprays, etc.).
4. Blackjacks, "stun guns," tasers, slingshots, billy clubs, nunchakus, sandclubs, sandbags, metal knuckles, or any object with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon.

Any school employee may confiscate any weapon, dangerous instrument or replica from any person on school grounds under the power granted to the District to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff, and the public.

School employees shall notify the principal or designee if they have the knowledge that any dangerous devices or weapons are present or suspected to be present on campus. When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure which has taken place.

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In accordance with the law, the principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities of the seizure or possession of any firearm, taser, stun gun, or any cutting or puncturing device identified in this Board Policy. (Education code 48902)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35291 *Governing board to prescribe rules for the government and discipline of the schools*

48900 *Grounds for suspension/expulsion*

48902 *Notification of law enforcement authorities*

48915 *Required recommendation for expulsions*

49330 *Injurious object*

49331 *Removal from possession of pupil by designated employee*

49332 *Notification of parent or guardian; retention of object by school personnel; release*

49333 *Return of object*

49334 *Injurious objects: notification to law enforcement*

PENAL CODE

245 *Assault with deadly weapon*

417.2 *Replica of a Firearm*

417.3 *Firearms; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exceptions*

417.4 *Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception*

12020-12028.5 *Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons*