

WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

The Superintendent or designee shall permit the possession of weapons, or their replicas at school or at school-related or school-sponsored activities only after determining that such possession serves a positive, appropriate purpose. Before granting permission, the superintendent or designee shall verify that proper precautions have been taken to ensure that no accidents will occur and that the weapon or replica will not be misused while under school supervision.

Weapons Reports

A school employee confiscating any weapon shall deliver it to the building principal or other appropriate authority immediately.

If an employee confiscates a weapon or replica or know or suspects that a student possesses such a weapon or replica which has not been confiscated, the employee shall report the matter to the principal immediately, and the principal shall take appropriate action.

When informing the principal about the possession or confiscation of a weapon or replica, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, the names of any witnesses, and the location and circumstances of the matter.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or replica to the student's parents by telephone or in person, if practicable, and shall follow this notification with written notification to the parents. The Principal shall report all violations of this policy to the Superintendent.

Disciplinary Action

The principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with existing Board policies and regulations and shall report all such actions to the superintendent.

The following guidelines shall govern discipline under the district's weapons policy:

Violation	Penalty	
	Minimum	Maximum
Firearms	1-year Expulsion	Permanent Expulsion
Deadly Weapons (other than firearms)	30-day Suspension	Permanent Expulsion
Other Weapons	10-day Suspension	Permanent Expulsion
Replicas	5-day Suspension	Permanent Expulsion

The Superintendent or Board may depart from these guidelines in the individual cases where the law would prohibit the imposition of the prescribed discipline, or for other good cause.

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The Superintendent shall also refer any student who violates laws pertaining to weapons at school to law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent shall provide the Board with a written report of all violations of this policy, including the circumstances of the violation, the type of weapon involved, and the disciplinary or other action taken in response to the violation of policy.

Reports to State of Alaska

In addition to the superintendent's report to the School Board of violations of the Board's policies on weapons and dangerous instruments, the Superintendent shall provide a report to the Alaska Department of Education with a description of the circumstances surrounding expulsions imposed under Board policy relating to violations of the Board's policy on weapons and dangerous instruments. This report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name of the school concerned,
2. The number of students expelled from such school, and
3. The types of dangerous instruments concerned.

Definitions

The term "Firearm" shall have the meaning as defined in section 921 of Title 18 United States Code. The term "firearm" includes the parts from which firearms may be assembled.

The term "Weapon" includes but is not limited to, any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun, spring gun, or zip gun, stun gun, any bomb or other explosive (including fireworks), any poison, any dangerous or deadly gas, mace, pepper spray, any slingshot, bludgeon, nightstick, straight razor, throwing star, brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind, axe or club, or any type of knife or knife-like instrument with a blade of any size.

The term "Parent" shall include legal guardians, foster parents, or other individual(s) who have a similar legal responsibility for the child.