

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS AND/OR AMMUNITION

No one shall possess a weapon and/or ammunition while on school premises, in any district vehicle or at any school event without written authorization from the building principal or his/her designee. Authorization may be given when a weapon and/or ammunition is handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education and other cases when possession doesn't violate a state law.

The only exceptions to this policy are:

- 1) Weapons and/or ammunition under the control of law enforcement personnel.
- 1) Weapons and/or ammunition under the control of military personnel who go armed in the line of duty.
- 1) Possession and/or use of a starter gun by school personnel or their designee during a sporting event which requires such a device.

The Board defines a weapon as, but not limited to, any gun, knife, razor, karate stick, martial arts weapon, metal knuckle, ammunition, clubs, explosive devices, chemical or biological weapons, toy or look-alike weapon or other object that by the manner in which it is used or is intended to be used is capable of inflicting harm. The use of any weapon or object in a threatening manner toward any other person is also a violation of this policy.

The building principal or his/her designee if present, or the person in charge of the school event or his/her designee, shall contact law enforcement officers as soon as possible when there is reason to believe a person is in possession of a weapon and/or ammunition and presents a potential danger to others. All weapons and/or ammunition shall be confiscated by staff members or law enforcements officers. Any weapon and/or ammunition confiscated by staff members shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

When staff members or law enforcement officers confiscate a weapon and/or ammunition from a student the building principal or designee shall report the incident to the child's parent/guardian.

Any person who knowingly possesses or goes armed with a weapon while on school premises, in any district vehicle or at any school event is subject to school disciplinary measures up to and including referral to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system. Disciplinary measures within the school shall be the responsibility of the building principal or his/her designee.

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Student suspension and commencement of an expulsion hearing process (with all required due process protections) will occur under the following circumstances:

- 1) Possession of a firearm on school premises, in any district vehicle or at any school event.
- 2) The use of a weapon or object in a threatening manner toward any other person.

If the offense is substantiated, the student will be expelled from the school district for one year. (Exceptions to expulsion may be made on a case by case basis by Board action at the recommendation of the district administrator.)

The District shall also provide the Department of Public Instruction with a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under this policy.

LEGAL REF.:	Sections	120.13(1)	Wisconsin Statutes
		948.60	
		948.605	
		948.61	
		941.235	
		Gun Free Schools Act	

CROSS REF.: 446 Student Discipline

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