

**WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

No one shall possess a weapon on school premises, except as specifically outlined below:

1. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.
2. Weapons that are registered and handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education may be authorized by the building principal.
3. Weapons properly registered and handled during the community use of school facilities may be permitted.

Weapons include articles used or designed to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate others, such as firearms, pellet guns, look-alike weapons, knives and chains. Articles designed for other purposes but which are used or intended to be used to inflict bodily harm or intimidate others are also considered weapons under this policy.

In addition, the possession of explosives and the unlawful use or possession of pepper spray is prohibited on school premises.

Law enforcement officers shall be contacted as soon as possible to handle a weapon/explosive situation that threatens health and safety. If there is not time in a given situation or the situation warrants immediate action, the school staff should attempt to confiscate the weapon/explosive.

Any person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable laws.

A student who violates this policy shall also be suspended from school. Possession of a firearm shall result in a one-year expulsion unless otherwise provided by the Board on a case-by-case basis. A weapon or explosive taken from a student shall be reported to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).

A staff member who violates this policy shall also be subject to discipline in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.:           Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes  
                              948.60  
                              948.605  
                              948.61  
                              Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994  
                              Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CROSS REF.: 447.1, Staff Use of Physical Force  
447.3, Student Suspensions/Expulsions

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