

**Policy 502.06: Weapons**

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The Board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in District facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors on the District premises or property within the jurisdiction of the District.

School District facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the District property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the District or from students who are within the control of the District.

Parents of students found to possess a weapon or dangerous objects or look-a-likes on school property are notified of the incident. Possession or confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects or look-a-likes will be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than twelve months. The Superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes, but is not limited to, any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas or otherwise defined by applicable law.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials shall be exempt from this policy. Students and individuals approved in writing by the Superintendent who are actively engaging in a school district approved firearms safety course, hunter education course or shooting sports activity are exempt from this policy. The principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects for educational purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy and communicate with law enforcement relevant exemptions to this policy as appropriate.

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