

WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

No person shall possess, use or store a weapon on school property, on school buses or at any school-related event. (This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement officers discharging their official duties or military personnel who are armed in the line of duty.)

The building principal may allow weapons in the building for purposes of demonstration, educational presentations or other legitimate purpose. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of a responsible person as designated by the principal except during the actual demonstration or presentation.

A weapon is any object that by its design and/or use can cause bodily injury or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to guns, including BB and pellet firing guns, knives, razors, karate sticks, num-chucks, metal knuckles, chains and similar items. A weapon is also defined as any facsimile firearm such as a toy, starter pistol or other object that can be perceived as an actual firearm.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to penalties outlined in state law and suspended and/or expelled from school. Parents/guardians will be notified in all cases. Weapons will be confiscated by the District.

With specific regard to the Gun Free Schools Act, possession of any "gun" that meets the criteria of the Gun Free Schools Act, within 1000 feet of school building will result in:

1. Immediate suspension from school;
2. Discipline proceedings beginning at once, consistent with state law and school district policy;
3. Special procedures may be required for students with disabilities pursuant to state law and school district special education policies.

Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and Handbook procedures.

Any other person violating this policy may be referred to law enforcement officials for -investigation.

Law enforcement officers shall be summoned to the schools in a situation involving a weapon which presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff and administration shall attempt to diffuse and control the situation until law enforcement officials can be summoned.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 941.235, 941.299, 948.60, 948.605, 948.61,
Gun Free Schools Act of 1994, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #447.2 – Student Suspension/Expulsion