

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from physical and psychological harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement or security personnel from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)
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(cf. 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5131 – Conduct)
(cf. 5138 – Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

Students possessing or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

Notification of Law Enforcement Authorities

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10; 20 USC 7151)

(cf. 3515.2 – Disruption)

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Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

Zero Tolerance

State law requires the Superintendent or designee to immediately suspend and recommend for expulsion any student who brings a firearm to school. Unless the particular circumstances of a case indicate that the expulsion is inappropriate, the District shall take similar action when students knowingly bring any other weapons to school or participate in any fighting that inflicts serious bodily injury on another person.

In addition to a suspension and possible expulsion, these students shall be reported to law enforcement authorities for prosecution of Penal Code violations.

Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The Superintendent or designee shall also inform staff, students and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35291 Governing Board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools

48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion

48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities

48915 Required recommended for expulsions

48916 Readmissions

49330-49335 Injurious objects

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PENAL CODE

245 Assault with deadly weapon

417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting

626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception

653k Switchblade knife

16100-17350 Definitions

22810-23025 Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)

25200-25225 Firearms, access to children

30310 Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-7941 No Child Left Behind Act, especially:

7151 Gun-Free Schools Act

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS

0401.01 Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act January 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: [HTTP://WWW.CSBA.ORG](http://www.csba.org)

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>

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