

**WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

The possession and/or use of a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under section 948.61 of the state statutes) or a facsimile weapon is prohibited at all times in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the school district, on school premises, in school-provided transportation, and at activities under school supervision except where state law prohibits a school district from restricting an individual's right to possess a firearm or other weapon in such locations.

When implementing this policy, school administrators and other employees should be aware that state-issued licenses permitting certain private individuals to lawfully carry a handgun or certain other weapons in various public places generally do not permit the possession, carrying or use of such weapons in schools or on school premises. This policy is not intended to prohibit the possession or use of potentially dangerous objects not designed primarily as weapons, provided that such objects have been issued or expressly authorized by the District, and provided that such objects are possessed and used exclusively for their limited and authorized purpose.

Law enforcement officials shall be contacted to help deal with a weapons situation which presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff shall attempt to diffuse and control the situation in the safest manner possible until law enforcement officials can be summoned. Appropriate information and training shall be provided to staff in dealing with weapons situations in accordance with the school safety plan.

A student who possesses a firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy shall be suspended from school, referred for an expulsion hearing and expelled from school for not less than one year. The School Board may modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. Students otherwise possessing a weapon in violation of any District policy or rule shall be subject to appropriate school disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion from school. A law enforcement or juvenile justice referral shall also be made for all students violating this policy.

Elementary principals have the discretion not to proceed with disciplinary procedures for elementary students possessing a facsimile firearm in violation of this policy.

Employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, and shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable state laws and/or local ordinances.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable state laws and/or local ordinances.

This policy shall be published annually in student and staff handbooks and through other means appropriate to notify the public as required by law or determined by the administration.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes:

Section 118.07	School Safety Plans
Section 118.31	Use of reasonable force to obtain weapon
Section 120.12 (1)	School Board power to set rules of conduct and discipline students: required student suspension and expulsion for firearm possession
Section 175.60	License to carry a concealed weapon
Section 941.23	Carrying a concealed weapon
Section 943.13	Criminal trespass law, includes provisions related to carrying firearms
Section 948.60	Possession of dangerous weapon under 18 years of age
Section 948.605	Gun-free schools zones
Section 948.61	Dangerous weapons other than firearms on school premises

Federal Laws:

Gun-Free Schools Act

18 U.S.C Sec. 921(a)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Cross Reference: Policy 444, Students Interviews by Police

444-Rule, Guidelines Regarding Student Interviews by Law Enforcement Officials

447.3, Student Suspensions/Expulsions

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