

## **WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Weapons are not permitted on school property. Visitors, faculty, staff, parents and students are strictly prohibited from bringing any weapon or incendiary device, whether visible or concealed, into any school building, onto school property or a school bus, or to any school-sponsored event. The only persons who are exempt are law enforcement personnel.

The only exception to this policy is that the superintendent of schools, or designee, shall have the authority, pursuant to RSA 193:13 III, to grant written authorization to a student, visitor, faculty member, staff member, parent or student to possess a firearm or other weapon on the school property. Any such authorization shall be requested in writing and, in the case of a student, also signed by a parent or guardian. The authorization shall be issued in advance of the possession. Any such authorization shall identify the person or persons, the weapon or firearm, the purpose of the possession, and time frame(s) of the authorization.

The term “weapons” includes but is not limited to firearms (rifles, pistols, revolvers, pellet guns, BB guns, etc.) knives, slingshots, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, electronic defense weapons, chemical weapons, firecrackers, billies, stilettos, switchblades knives, sword canes, pistol canes, black jacks, daggers, dirk knives, incendiary devices, or any other substance, object or things which, in the manner it is used, or threatened to be used, is known to be capable of producing death or bodily injury, damage to property, reckless use, criminal threatening ... (RSA 193-D:1 Definitions).

A violation of this policy by any person, with respect to any weapon, will result in an immediate report to the principal, who shall in turn notify the police. A student violation of this policy will result in immediate confiscation of the weapon and notice to the student’s parents or guardians. If the student violation involves a firearm, the School Board shall expel that student from school in accordance with mandates of RSA 193:13 III and Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Possession of other weapons could result in expulsion.

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