

Students

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The Board of Education is concerned for the safety and welfare of all students and school personnel in school and at school-sponsored activities. For this reason the Board prohibits student possession, harboring, and/or use of weapons, including martial arts weapons, or other dangerous instruments in any school building on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored event or activity.

Willful possession and/or use of any such dangerous weapon by a student in school or at school sponsored activities off school grounds, is cause for expulsion of the student for a calendar year if such conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process or violates publicized board policy. The period of expulsion may be modified, by the Board or hearing panel on a case by case basis. At the discretion of the Superintendent and or Principal, a student may be given in-house suspension, whereas, a student will be removed from class and all school or school sponsored activities.

If a student inadvertently finds him/herself in possession of a weapon/instrument at school/school functions, the student must report immediately to the Principal. The weapon/instrument will be handed over to a teacher/administrator. Upon thorough investigation the Principal may recommend disciplinary action up to and may include suspension or expulsion. If the investigation confirms that the possession was inadvertent, the student will receive a verbal warning.

A student's conduct off school grounds at a non-school activity that is seriously disruptive to the educational process and/or violates of the Board of Education policies may also be grounds for expulsion.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.
 10-233a through 10-233f - Expulsion as amended by PA 95-304
 53a-3 Definitions.
 53a-217b - Possession of firearms and deadly weapons on school grounds
 53-206 Carrying and sale of dangerous weapons.
 PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety.
 GOALS 2000: Educate America Act
 18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.
 USCA 7151 – No Child Left Behind Act

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