

# CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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218.1. WEAPONS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p>
<p>2. Definitions SC 1301-A, 1317.2</p>	<p><b>Weapon</b> - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, explosive devices, caustic substances, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p><b>Explosive Devices</b> - devices designed to provide a sudden rapid and violent release of energy resulting in property damage and/or bodily harm or death. Explosive devices include, but are not limited to, bombs, grenades, etc.</p> <p><b>Caustic Substances</b> - substances with potential to cause serious harm to human tissue through chemical action. Caustic substances include, but are not limited to, acids, lye, mace, pepper spray, etc.</p> <p><b>Possession</b> - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; and under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1317.2 Pol. 218</p> <p>SC 1317.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any School District buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school.</p> <p>The Board shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law and Board policy. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p>

<p>SC 1317.2 Title 22 Sec. 10.23 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 805.1</p>	<p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the District shall take all steps required to comply with Applicable Law, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805, 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession of a weapon. Such action shall be in compliance with Applicable Law and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials and the District’s emergency preparedness plan.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2 Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.21 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall immediately report incidents involving weapons on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school’s property, in accordance with Applicable Law, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.25 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving weapons as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving possession of a weapon to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The building principal shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or administrative regulations to be followed.</p> <p>Law enforcement officers may possess weapons on district property only when on duty, in official uniform, with a badge and identification in view.</p>

<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>A weapon possessed and/or used in conjunction with a lawful supervised school activity or course shall be permitted.</p> <p><u>Transfer Students</u></p> <p>When the School District receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the District may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.23, 10.25, 403.1</p> <p>Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p> <p>Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.</p> <p>Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300</p> <p>Board Policy – 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 218, 233, 805, 805.1</p>
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