

Students

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Governing Board desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board therefore 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.

Possession of Weapons

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.

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.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon (20 USC 7151; Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.1).

Reporting of Injurious 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds that preserve the student's anonymity.

Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The strategy shall also include means of informing 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)

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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 recommendation for expulsions
49816 Readmission
49330-49335 Injurious Object
Penal Code
245 Assault with a deadly weapon
417.2 Imitation firearms
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 Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies
12001 Control of deadly weapons
12020-12028.5 Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons
12403.7 Weapons approved for self-defense
12220 Unauthorized possession of a machine gun
12401 Tear gas
12402 Tear gas weapon
12403.7 Weapons approved for self-defense
12403.8 Minors 16 or over, tear gas, and tear gas weapons
United States Code, Title 20
6301-7941 No Child Left Behind Act; especially:
Gun-Free Schools Act