

Weapons on School Property/Gun-Free Schools Act

Weapons are not permitted on school property at any time. Visitors, faculty, staff and students are prohibited from bringing any weapon, whether visible or concealed, into any school building, on to school property or a school bus, or to any school-sponsored event.

I. Definitions

- (a) "Weapons" includes, but is not limited to, firearms, or other dangerous weapons as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921; and RSA 159 which includes, but is not limited to, rifles, pistols, revolvers, pellet guns, BB guns, paintball guns, knives, slingshots, metallic knuckles, firecrackers, billies, stilettos, switchblade knives, sword canes, pistol canes, blackjacks, daggers, dirk knives, or any other substances, object or thing which, by appearance or function, is known, thought to be, or capable of producing death or serious physical injury.

A violation of this policy by any person will result in an immediate report to the principal who shall, in turn, notify the Superintendent and 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 a student violation involves a firearm, the School Board shall expel the student from school in accordance with RSA 193:13, III and the Prohibited Conduct Policy 5149. If a student violation involves the possession of a pellet or BB gun, rifle or paint ball gun, then the student may be expelled by the School Board pursuant to RSA 193:13, II and the Prohibited Conduct Policy 5149.

The Superintendent or designee shall have the authority, pursuant to RSA 193:13, III, to grant written authorization to a student or others to possess a firearm or other weapon on school property. Any such authorization shall be requested in writing and a parent or guardian shall also sign any such request by the student. The authorization shall be issued in advance of the possession and shall identify the student or others, the weapon or firearm, the purpose of the possession, and timeframes of the authorization.

Law enforcement personnel are exempt from the policy.

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