

WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Weapons are not permitted on school property, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored activities. Student violations of this policy will result in both school disciplinary action and notification of local law enforcement authorities.

The term “weapons” includes, but is not limited to, firearms (rifles, pistols, revolvers, explosives), BB guns, paint ball guns, pellet guns, knives, slingshots, metallic knuckles, firecrackers, billy-clubs, stilettos, switchblade knives, swords, sword canes, pistol canes, black jacks, daggers, dirk knives, incendiaries, martial weapons or self-defense weapons (defined by RSA 159:24 and RSA 159:20 respectively), or any other object or substance which, in the manner it is used or threatened to be used, is known to be capable of producing death or bodily injury.

In addition, any student who is determined to have brought a firearm (as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921) to school will be expelled for not less than one (1) year (365 days). Such firearm-based expulsions may be modified by the Board of Education upon written recommendation of the superintendent on a case-by-case basis. Factors that the Superintendent may consider include, but are not limited to, the student’s intent, the student’s actions, including whether he/she displayed the weapon or used it to threaten others, the student’s age and the past conduct history of the student.

Pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act, the Board requires the Superintendent to contact local law enforcement authorities and/or the Division of Children and Youth Services and notify them of any student who brings a firearm or weapon on school property.

Exceptions

Weapons under control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

Instructional staff who wish to use an item for instructional purposes may do so as long as the item is neither a firearm nor a destructive device, and with prior written permission of the school’s principal.

Notice

All students will receive written notice of this policy at least once each year.

Legal References:

18 U.S. C. § 921 et seq., Firearms

18 U.S.C. § 922 Unlawful Acts

20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Students

RSA 159:20, Self-Defense Weapons Defined

RSA 159:24, Sale of Martial Arts Weapons

RSA 159:26, Firearms, Ammunition, and Knives; Authority of the State

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317, Standards and Procedures for
Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Including Procedures Assuring Due Process*

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