

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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| 218.1. WEAPONS | |
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| 1. Purpose | The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school environment is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law. |
| 2. Definitions | <p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku stick, brass or metal knuckles, firearm, shotgun, rifle, bb or pellet gun, look-alike gun, chemical agent (including but not limited to mace, spray, aerosol, etc. This is used or intended to be used as a weapon.), explosive device, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while s/he is 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 on his/her way to or from school.</p> |
| 3. Authority SC 1317.2 | The Board prohibits possession of weapons and replicas of weapons in any school district building, on school property, at any school sponsored activity, and in any public conveyance providing transportation to school or from a school sponsored activity. |
| Act 26 of 1995 SC 1317.2 Pol. 233 | The school district 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. The Superintendent may recommend discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis. |
| P.L. 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq | In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Act. |
| 4. Delegation of Responsibility | The Superintendent shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents and to local law enforcement officials. |

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| <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>School Code 1317.2</p> <p>Public Law 91-230</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq</p> <p>Act 26 of 1995</p> <p>Board Policy 233</p> | <p>The Superintendent shall report all incidents relating to expulsions for possession of a weapon on school grounds to the Department of Education.</p> <p>The Superintendent or a designee shall take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.</p> <p>Acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office for Safe Schools on the designated form twice per year, as required.</p> <p>Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.</p> <p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> |
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