

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from physical and psychological harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments, as defined in law and administrative regulation, in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at school-related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Under the power granted to the Board to protect the safety of students, staff, and others on district property and to maintain order and discipline in the schools, any school employee is authorized to confiscate any prohibited weapon, imitation firearm, or dangerous instrument from any student on school grounds.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10; 20 USC 7151)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

Reporting of Dangerous 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.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The Superintendent or designee also shall inform 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.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE35291 *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*48916 *Readmission*49330-49335 *Injurious objects*PENAL CODE245 *Assault with deadly weapon*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*653k *Switchblade knife*16100-17350 *Definitions*22810-23025 *Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)*25200-25225 *Firearms, access to children*30310 *Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 206301-7941 *No Child Left Behind Act, especially:*7151 *Gun-Free Schools Act**Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS0401.01 *Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, January 2004*WEB SITESCSBA: <http://www.csba.org>California Department of Education, *Safe Schools*: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss>National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>U.S. Department of Education, *Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools*:<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>