

POLICY: KGD-R
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WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES Disciplinary Procedures - Students

The possession of weapons and/or articles and/or substances that threaten health and safety, will not be tolerated on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity or on school contracted buses/vehicles. These prohibitions are to be enforced based on State Statute, Federal Law and School Board Policy.

The school principal or his/her designee will have discretion to determine the appropriate disciplinary action based on the age of a student violating the policy, the intent of bringing a weapon, article or substance on school premises and the potential for harm to the person(s), student or others at the school, on school grounds or in school contracted vehicles or at a school-sponsored activity.

Procedure for Administration of Policy

Violations determined to be of a serious nature will follow steps 1 through 5 below. Violations determined to be of a less serious nature will be handled by confiscation of the article, substance or weapon, immediate contact of the students' parent/legal guardian and disciplinary action not limited to detentions, in-school or out-of-school suspensions. A parent/student school conference will take place prior to the student being allowed to return to his/her normal school schedule.

1. When a weapon, article and/or substance is determined to be on school premises, local law enforcement authorities will be contacted.
2. School or law enforcement officials will immediately confiscate the weapon, article and/or substance.
3. Disciplinary action and/or sanctions will immediately be undertaken against those person(s) involved with the weapons/articles and/or substances on school premises. Students will automatically be referred to the criminal justice system and parents notified.
4. Students involved in violation of the policy will be suspended pending an expulsion hearing before the Board of Education. A student who possesses a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, on school premises (any school building or school property), in a District vehicle, in a personal vehicle on school property, on a school bus or at a school-related event shall be recommended for expulsion from school as required by Federal law for a minimum of one year.
5. Students with a disability who have been determined to violate the policy may be removed from school and placed in an interim alternative education setting for up to 45 days pending further disciplinary action, which may include expulsion.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin State Statute 118.07, 118.31, 120.13(1), 175.60, 941.23; 941.235, 941.299, 941.13, 948.60, 948.605, 948.61
Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994
18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a) [federal definition of "firearm" (including destructive devices) that is used within the Gun-Free Schools Act and within section 120.13(1)(c)(2m)]
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [programs and services for students with disabilities, including authority to order change of placement for weapons possession].

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy JGD, Student Suspension
Policy JGE, Student Expulsion
Policy JGEA, Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities