

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Regulation of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons on School Premises or District Owned Facilities

It is a violation of District policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon onto or possess a firearm or dangerous weapons on school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities unless specifically authorized by state law. Carrying a dangerous weapon onto school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities in violation of RCW 9.41.280 is a criminal offense.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to see that all schools facilities post “Gun-Free Zone” signs, and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Dangerous Weapons

The term “dangerous weapons” under state law RCW 9.41.280 and RCW 9.41.250 includes:

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as “nun-chu-ka sticks,” consisting of two or more length of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- Any device, commonly known as “throwing stars,” which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;
- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- The following instruments:
 - o Any dirk or dagger;
 - o Any knife with a blade longer than three inches;
 - o Any knife with a blade which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device;
 - o Any knife having a blade which opens, or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; and
 - o Any razor with an unguarded blade;
- Any pistol or revolver;
- Any slung shot, sandbag, or sandclub;
- Metal knuckles;
- A sling shot;
- Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;

- Any explosive;
- Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument which has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.

In addition, the District considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife or razor not listed above, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities;
- Any object other than those listed above which is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another person and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury.

Reporting Dangerous Weapons

An appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student's parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of any allegation of known or suspected violations of this policy.

Students who are determined to have possessed or used a dangerous weapon in violation of this policy and/or Board Policy 3241 will be subject to discipline, up to and including long-term suspension or expulsion. Any student who is determined to have carried or possessed a firearm in violation of this policy will be expelled from school for not less than one year pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420. The Superintendent may modify the expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis. The District may also suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and displays an instrument that appears to be a firearm on school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities.

Exceptions to State Law and this Policy

The prohibition against carrying a firearm onto, or possessing a firearm on school property does not apply to:

- A. Persons engaged in military, law enforcement, or School District security activities;
- B. Persons involved in a convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety course authorized by school authorities in which the firearms of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed;
- C. Students while involved in a convention, showing demonstration, lecture, or firearm safety course authorized by school authorities in which the rifles of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed, but not other firearms;
- D. Students participating in a rifle competition authorized by school authorities;

- E. Persons participating in firearm or air gun competitions authorized by the school or School District;
- F. Any person in possession of a pistol who has been issued a license under RCW 9.41.070, or is exempt from the licensing requirement by RCW 9.41.060, while picking up or dropping off a student;
- G. Any nonstudent who is at least eighteen years of age legally in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an attended vehicle or concealed from view within a locked unattended vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the school;
- H. Any nonstudent who is at least eighteen years of age who is in lawful possession of an unloaded firearm, secured in a vehicle while conducting legitimate business at the school; and
- I. Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer

Personal Protection Spray

Persons over 18 years of age and persons between 14 and 18 years of age with prior written parental or guardian permission, and with approval of the principal or designee, may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under 18 years of age may deliver such devices, nor may anyone 18 years or older deliver a spray device to anyone under 14, or to anyone between 14 and 18 who does not have written parental permission. Personal protection spray devices may not be used other than in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission or use of personal protection spray devices on District property under any other circumstances is a violation of District policy. Any student who violates this Policy and/or Board Policy 3241 will be subject to discipline, up to and including long term suspension or expulsion.

Cross References:	Policy No. 3241 Policy No. 4260	Student Discipline Use of School Facilities
Legal References:	RCW 9.41.010 RCW 9.41.250 RCW 9.41.280 RCW 9A.16.020 RCW 9.91.160 RCW 9.94A.825 RCW 28A.320.130 RCW 28A.600.010	Terms defined Dangerous weapons -Penalty Dangerous Weapons on facilities – Penalty - Exceptions Use of Force—When Lawful Personal Protection Spray Devices Deadly weapon special verdict - definition Weapons Incidents – Reporting Enforcement of rules of conduct – Due process guarantees – Computation of days for short-term and long-term suspensions – Emergency expulsions- Discretionary discipline

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