

Administrative Regulation

STUDENTS

Zero Tolerance For Weapons in the School Environment

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Knives: razor blades and box cutters, any dirks, daggers or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 2 ½ inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade (Education Code 48915)
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure or spring action, or any spot marker gun (Penal Code 626.10)
5. Any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, especially those defined in Penal Code 12020, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
6. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm (Education Code 48900)

If an employee knows that a student possesses any of the above devices, he/she shall use his/her own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, including imitation firearm, to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

With regard to intervention, procedures for intervening and taking swift and consistent corrective action will be implemented. These procedures will include:

1. Dissemination annually of a definition of what constitutes and does not constitute a "weapon" to all schools.
2. Implementation of the suspension/expulsion process when appropriate.
3. A requirement that the offending student and the parent(s) take part in a weapons prevention program by the Juvenile Justice system.
4. A requirement that all further disciplinary actions be taken in accordance with District policy and the Education Code.
5. At the beginning of the school year and for newly enrolled students during the year, a requirement that all schools inform parents of the consequences of students having weapons on campus.

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