

**STUDENTS****Zero Tolerance For Weapons in the School Environment**

The Berryessa Union School District Board desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board therefore prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement or security personnel from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind 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.

**Possession of Weapons**

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

Any student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school, as verified by a school employee, shall be expelled for not less than one year, except that the Board may set an earlier date for readmission on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the Board policy and administrative regulation. (20 USC 7151; Education Code 48915)

Students possessing or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

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

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

35291 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 CODE**

245 Assault with deadly weapon

417.2 Imitation firearms

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 or on school grounds; exception

653k Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies

12001 Control of deadly weapons

12020-12028.5 Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons

12403.7 Weapons approved for self defense

12220 Unauthorized possession of a machinegun

12401 Tear gas

12402 Tear gas weapon

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12403.8 Minors 16 or over; tear gas and tear gas weapons

**PUBLIC LAW 107-110**

1001-9601 No Child Left Behind Act; especially:

4141 Gun-Free Schools Act

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