

P1466 POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS

BOARD POLICY:

Any student who is found to have brought, handled, transmitted, or to have been in possession of a weapon, as defined in AIP 1a and b, including any firearm or replica firearm at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity shall receive a mandatory expulsion from the school district for 186 school days.

Any student who is found to have brought or to have been in possession of any article (as defined in AIP 1d) at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the school district for 186 school days.

Any student who uses any article (as defined in AIP 1e) to inflict bodily harm or to place a person(s) in fear of bodily harm at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the school district for 186 school days.

Administrative Implemental Procedures:

1. Weapon means articles defined according to state statute and/or local education authority. Examples are as follows:
 - a. Weapon as defined in K.S.A. 72-6131(h) and amendments thereto, including but not limited to any firearm, bomb, or explosive device, or any combination of parts from which a destructive device may be readily assembled; bludgeon; sand club; metal knuckles; or throwing star; switchblade knife; knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement; and/or any electronic device designed to discharge immobilizing levels of electricity, commonly known as a stun gun.
 - b. Replica firearm. Replica firearm means a realistic replica of a firearm that, because of the appearance of such replica firearm, could be used to place a person in fear of bodily harm.
 - c. An air gun is not a replica firearm when a student is participating in activities conducted by an organization or is in transit to or from such activities that are conducted in compliance with K.S.A. 72-6134.
 - d. Any single bladed article that could cut or stab, or any article that is commonly used or is designed to inflict bodily harm.
 - e. Any article that is not per se a weapon which is used for the purpose of inflicting bodily harm upon a person or is used to cause a person to be placed in fear of bodily harm. Examples include, but are not limited to, laser pens, belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, and scissors.
2. Administrator or other delegated school official shall confiscate weapons (as defined in AIP 1a) and turn such weapons over to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Other weapons used in violation of this policy shall also be subject to being confiscated.

3. The administration shall establish a program, which at the discretion of the administration may, based upon the age, the severity of the offense, the past record, and any other relevant factors, be offered to students violating this policy with the exception of AIP #1a, and b. If the student participates in and completes the program, the student may, at the discretion of the District Hearing Officer, be reinstated at a district school. In case of such reinstatement, the District Hearing Officer will select the school the student attends.
4. When a violation of this policy occurs which is also a violation of law, administration or other delegated officials will call appropriate law enforcement agencies in accordance with policy entitled School Safety and Security Incident Reporting.
5. When recommending extended suspension or expulsion for special education students, refer to additional requirements listed in the Administrative Handbook for Special Education.
6. The Superintendent has the discretion to modify the expulsion requirement in a manner that is consistent with requirements of federal law.
7. Ceremonial Use and School Supervised Activities.
 - a. The provisions of this policy do not apply to the possession by students of ceremonial instruments at school, on school property, or school supervised activity if the possession is connected with the supervised use of ceremonial instruments, such as sabers by the Junior ROTC students and props for drama productions. Such use must be specifically authorized in writing by the Superintendent.
 - b. The provisions of this policy do not apply to the possession by students of weapons at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity if the possession of weapons by students is connected with a weapons safety course of instruction or a weapons education course approved and authorized by the school or if the possession of weapons by students is specifically authorized in writing by the Superintendent.
8. Every student and parent will be required to sign a weapons/drugs policy statement yearly informing them of the disciplinary action that can and will be taken if a student is found to be in violation of this policy.

The Board attorney has approved this policy in form and content.

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