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REGULATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

POLICY:

It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm, dangerous weapon, or any object that can be used to cause bodily harm on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities.

Possession includes, but is not limited to, having an explosive device or weapon on district property or at a district-sponsored event located (a) in a space assigned to a student, such as a locker or desk; (b) on the student's person or property, such as on the student's body, in his/her clothing, purse, backpack, gym bag or vehicle; or (c) under the student's control or accessible or available, such as hidden by the student.

An explosive device (including fireworks and firecrackers) and weapon includes, but is not limited to, (a) a firearm, which is a weapon or device from which a projectile may be fired by an explosive; (b) an air gun, which includes any air pistol or air rifle designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide or other gas, or any items which appear to be realistic firearms or air guns; (c) a sling shot, which is a piece of metal or a stone fastened to a short strap, chain or thong; (d) a sling shot, which is a forked piece of wood, plastic, or metal having an elastic band fastened to the prongs for shooting small stones, metal balls, or pebbles; (e) a club, chains, or metal knuckles; (f) a device commonly known as "throwing stars," multipointed metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect; (g) any knife which is a cutting or stabbing instrument with a blade handle; (h) a dirk, which is a type of dagger; (i) any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks," consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means; (j) any weapon or object that appears to be a weapon, or firearm, loaded or unloaded, either commercially or home-made, that could inflict bodily injury to others; or (k) 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; or (l) 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 Superintendent is directed to see that all school facilities post "Gun-Free Zone" signs and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following persons may carry firearms into school buildings, as necessary although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises:

- A. Persons engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities;
- B. Persons involved in a school authorized convention, showing a demonstration, lecture, or firearm safety course;
- C. Persons competing in school authorized firearm or air gun competitions; and
- D. Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer.

The following persons over eighteen years of age and not enrolled as students may have firearms in their possession on school property outside of school buildings:

- A. Persons with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who are picking up or dropping off students; and
- B. Persons conducting legitimate business at the school and in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon if the weapon is secured within an attended vehicle, is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle.

Persons may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school premises if the weapons are lawfully within the persons' possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts class.

Persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission on file in the school office may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. Persons over the age of eighteen may have in their possession personal protection spray devices on school property provided that written notification of such possession is on file in the school office. No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices, nor may anyone eighteen years or older deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission on file.

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 under any other circumstance is a violation of district policy.

School officials shall notify the student's parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline, including a one-year expulsion for a violation involving a firearm. However, the Superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Cross References:

Policy No. 5100: Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy No. 5100.1: Secondary Discipline

Policy No. 5100.2: Elementary Discipline

Policy No. 5570: Students - Possession of Weapons

Legal References:

RCW 9.41.280 Dangerous weapons on school grounds

RCW 9A.16.020 Use of force--When lawful

RCW 9.91.160 Personal protection spray device

RCW 28A.600.420 Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities – Penalty - Exemptions