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Weapons on School Premises

No person shall possess a firearm on school grounds. No person shall possess any other dangerous weapon or other weapon while s/he is on school premises. No person shall possess a firearm, dangerous weapon or weapon at any school activity unless expressly allowed by law.

Dangerous weapon - means any weapon defined as a “dangerous weapon” under either Wisconsin Statute section 948.60(1) or 939.20(10).

Firearm – means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.

Weapon – means (a) a device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for or is readily capable of causing death; bodily injury or property damage or that readily can be used to intimidate others; (b) any device, realistic toy, inoperable weapon, or fake replica that is readily perceived or believed to be an actual working weapon; (c) any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm; (d) knives and cutting instruments; or (e) any electric weapon or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm. “Weapon” also includes BB and pellet guns and look alike or facsimile devices that can be interpreted or believed to be a weapon and/or can be used to intimidate or threaten others.

Great bodily harm - means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or other serious bodily injury.

Knife – refers to all types of knives, without regard to blade length.

Cutting Instrument – refers to all objects that have as their primary intended purpose being an object utilized to cut something (e.g., box cutter, carpet cutter, razor blades, straight razor).

School grounds – means property on which a school building is located including parking and play areas.

School premises – means any school building, grounds, recreation area or athletic field or any other property owned, used or operated for school administration.

This policy does not apply to a person who both meets the criteria of Wisconsin Statute section 948.605(2)(b) or 948.61(3) and, except for law enforcement officials, has received permission from the Board or Superintendent to be in possession of a weapon or dangerous weapon on school grounds. Permission may be extended for reasons that pertain to educational value. Examples include the following:

1. A weapon used or handled by an individual in a legal manner as part of an approved school program and authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee (i.e., the Civil War reenactment).

2. Tools used as necessary to complete educationally assigned tasks.

The superintendent must approve any weapon, look-alike, or facsimile weapon that will be used for educational and performance purposes. Such weapon(s) must be kept secured by the building administrator until the time of the performance, or kept secured as authorized by the superintendent.

All persons who violate this Policy may be referred to law enforcement for prosecution.

LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(1)
 948.60
 948.605
 948.61
 939.22(10)

Title 18, U. S. Code

CROSS REF.: Policy #443.4 - Dangerous Weapons in the Schools

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