



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Weapons on School Premises

No one shall use or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under section 948.61 of the state statutes) in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the school district, on school premises, in school provided transportation, or at any school- sponsored or school-supervised activity, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy. Any object which could be used to cause bodily injury or property damage and which has no school-related purpose for being in school or on school grounds, will be considered a weapon for purposes of this policy.

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.

The following are exceptions to the policy prohibition:

- This prohibition does not apply where state law prohibits a school district from restricting any individual’s right to possess a firearm or other weapon in a location covered by this policy (e.g., a law enforcement officer who is acting in official capacity and who possesses a firearm or other weapon that was issued and approved by the officer’s employing agency; certain individuals 21 years of age or older who are licensed to carry a concealed weapon who have stored a licensed handgun that is unloaded and encased in their motor vehicle parked on school grounds).
- Any qualified current law enforcement officer who is off duty or any qualified former law enforcement officer may possess a properly licensed firearm provided that the individual meets all applicable conditions specified in the state and federal gun-free school zone laws. Although permitted, the Board generally discourages the intentional presence of such firearms, and strongly encourages such individuals to notify the District Administrator, building principal, or other activity supervisor of their possession of any such firearm in order to avoid misunderstandings should the presence of the weapon be identified by another person.

- The District Administrator may allow a weapon on school premises for purposes of demonstration, educational presentations, or other pre-approved educational programming. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal or the principal's designee except during the actual demonstration, presentation, or program.

A student who possesses a **weapon**, firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy may be suspended from school, referred for an expulsion hearing, and may be expelled from school. Students possessing other weapons in violation of this or any other policy or rule shall be subject to appropriate school disciplinary action, up to and possibly including suspension and expulsion from school. A parent or guardian with access to student records will be notified of student weapons violations in all cases. A law enforcement or juvenile justice referral may also be made for all students violating this policy.

Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and handbooks and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution. Any other person violating this policy may be referred to law enforcement officials for possible prosecution.

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 948.60
 948.605
 948.61
 939.22(10)

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