

Grants Pass School District 7

Code: **JFCJ**
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Weapons in the Schools **

Weapons and replicas of weapons are forbidden on school property. Students shall not bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon on district property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the district or interscholastic activities administered by a voluntary organization approved by the State Board of Education (i.e., Oregon School Activities Association).

For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapon includes:

1. “Dangerous weapon” – any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. “Deadly weapon” – any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
3. “Firearm” – any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon or any firearm silencer;
4. “Destructive device” - any device with an explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device which is designed primarily or redesigned primarily for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety or similar device.

Weapons may also include, but not be limited to, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, explosives, noxious or irritating or poisonous gases, poisons, unlawful drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to sell to, be used by, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, parents or patrons.

Replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocket knives are also prohibited by Board policy. Exceptions to the district’s replicas prohibition may be granted only with prior building principal approval for certain curriculum or school-related activities.

Any firearms or weapons, replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocket knives are subject to seizure or forfeiture.

In accordance with Oregon law, any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a student or other person has, within the previous 120 days, unlawfully been in possession of a firearm or destructive device as defined by this policy, shall immediately report such violation to an administrator, his/her designee or law enforcement officer. Employees who report directly to law enforcement shall also immediately inform an administrator.

Administrators shall promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of staff reports received and at any other time there is reasonable cause to believe violations have occurred or that a student has been expelled for bringing, possessing, concealing or using a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device. Parents will be notified of all conduct by their student that violates this policy.

Students found to have brought, possessed, concealed or used a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year. The superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis, modify this expulsion requirement. The district may also request suspension of a student's driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges with the Oregon Department of Transportation, as provided by law. Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against students or others who assist in activity prohibited by this policy.

Special education students shall be disciplined in accordance with federal law and Board policy JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Disabled Students, and accompanying administrative regulation.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons that are registered and handled in a legal manner (including, but not limited to, hunter safety courses). The superintendent may prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed before giving such authorization.

In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone is prohibited. A "school zone," as defined by federal law, means in or on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of school grounds.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 161.015	ORS 339.315	OAR 581-053-0010(5)
ORS 166.210 - 166.370	ORS 339.327	OAR 581-053-0230(9)(k)
ORS 166.382	ORS 809.135	OAR 581-053-0330(1)(r)
ORS 332.107	ORS 809.260	OAR 581-053-0430(17)
ORS 339.115		OAR 581-053-0531(16)
ORS 339.240	OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075	OAR 581-053-0630
ORS 339.250		

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2006).
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1427 (2006).
Youth Handgun Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(x), 924(a)(6) (2006).
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7117 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

JFCM - Threats of Violence
JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities