

Weapons in Schools - Staff

Employees, district contractors and/or their employees and district volunteers shall not possess a dangerous or deadly weapon or firearm on district property or at school-sponsored events. This prohibition includes those who may otherwise be permitted by law to carry such weapons.

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 (including a starter gun) 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, any firearm silencer or any other destructive device including any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The superintendent may authorize staff to possess weapons for courses, programs and activities approved by the district and conducted on district property including, but not limited to, hunter safety courses, weapons-related vocational courses or weapons-related sports. In specific cases, with prior and specific authorization from, and under the supervision of, a district administrator, staff may bring weapons to school that are of a historical nature.

The superintendent will ensure notice of this policy is provided.

Employees in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Individuals contracting with the district and volunteers will be subject to appropriate sanctions. A referral to law enforcement may be made.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.015](#)
[ORS 166.210 to -166.370](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2006).
Doe v. Medford Sch. Dist. 549C, 232 Or. App. 38, 221 P3d 787 (2009).