

**Lake Oswego
School District 7J**

Code: **JFCJ**
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Weapons in the Schools

The possession of any replica weapon or nuisance object which potentially could endanger people in the school setting is prohibited.

The principal may approve the possession of a replica of a weapon or nuisance object if it is to be used for educational purposes.

Approval must be granted in advance of the event for which the replica or object is to be used.

Approval shall be for a specific and limited time only, as determined by the principal.

No student shall possess or carry any dagger, sword, knife or other instrument with a blade.

Replica weapons or other disruptive objects discovered at school shall be confiscated, and parents will be notified. Violation will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion. Law enforcement agencies may be notified.

Weapons

Weapons, including firearms and knives, are forbidden on district property and at district events.

Students bringing a weapon to school, or concealing or possessing or using a weapon on district property or at district events or at interscholastic events under district or school sponsorship will be expelled for a period of not less than one year. The superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis, modify this expulsion requirement. For purposes of determining if a mandatory weapons expulsion is required, the following definitions and circumstances will be applied:

1. A dangerous weapon means 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. A deadly weapon is any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury.
3. A firearm is any weapon or combination of parts which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or silencer, or any destructive device.

4. A “destructive device” means any 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.
5. A weapon may also include, but not be limited to, a knife, metal knuckle, straight razor, noxious or irritating gas, replica of a weapon or another similar item possessed by an individual with the intent to use, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, parents and patrons.
6. Students who significantly influence the bringing or possessing of a weapon on district property or at district events by aiding and abetting another student shall also be expelled for no less than a year.
7. The superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis, modify the expulsion requirement of any student expelled under the conditions of this policy.
8. Students subject to mandatory expulsion required by this policy will be reported to the police.

In addition to the above, further disciplinary action may be sought against students bringing a weapon to or possessing a weapon on district property or at district events. This action may include, but not be limited to, the following:

The district may file with the Department of Transportation a request for the suspension of a driver’s license or the right to apply for a driver’s license if a student has been expelled for bringing a weapon to or possessing a weapon on district property or at district events.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel or a person who has a valid license under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 are permitted. The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons for courses, programs and activities approved by the district and conducted on district property.

In accordance with the Federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, the 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. Notification will be done in cooperation with city and/or county officials as appropriate. Violations, unless otherwise excepted by law or this policy, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.015](#)
[ORS 166.210 to -166.370](#)
[ORS 166.382](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 339.315](#)
[ORS 339.327](#)
[ORS 809.135](#)
[ORS 809.260](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

[OAR 581-053-0010\(5\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(k\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)®](#)
[OAR 581-053-0430\(17\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(16\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0630](#)

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