

Weapons in the Schools

Board policy has long forbidden students to bring weapons to school or school-sponsored activities. Weapons are defined by Board policy.

A student having in his/her possession or in a desk or locker any weapon listed above may be arrested and charges filed against the youth in either the juvenile court or at the police department.

A student at school or attending a school-sponsored event having a weapon (as defined above) in his/her possession will be referred to the principal for appropriate discipline in accordance with Board policy.

A student using such a weapon (as defined above) to threaten or inflict injury on another will be referred to the principal for appropriate discipline in accordance with Board policy.

In the enforcement of these regulations, with reasonable suspicion, principals may authorize:

1. Unannounced inspections of student's desks and lockers;
2. Inspections of student automobiles driven to school;
3. The contents of pockets and/or purses if suspected of being in possession of prohibited, stolen or illegal items.

Each school shall undertake activities designed to develop a school-wide acceptance of desirable behavior standards particularly as they relate to weapons.

The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons in school buildings, based on individual circumstances and as permitted by Board policy and law.