

## **Weapons in the Schools**

Students shall not bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon on or at district property, activities under the jurisdiction of the district or interscholastic activities administered by a voluntary organization approved by the State Board of Education.

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

Replicas of weapons 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. Violations will result in discipline up to and including expulsion.

Prohibited weapons, replicas of weapons and pocket knives are subject to seizure or forfeiture.

Incidents of students possessing weapons will be reported to the student's parents and a referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency shall be made. Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against students who possess weapons and with students who assist possession in anyway. Students bringing weapons to school 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. 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.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel 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 including, but not limited to, hunter safety, courses, weapons-related vocational courses or weapons-related sports.

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.

"Gun-Free School Zone" signs will be posted 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

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**Legal Reference(s):**

<a href="#">ORS 161.015</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075</a>
<a href="#">ORS 166.210 - 166.370</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0010(5)</a>
<a href="#">ORS 166.382</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0015(7)(k)</a>
<a href="#">ORS 332.107</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0545(4)(c),(w)</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.115</a>	<a href="#">OAR 581-053-0550(5)(v)</a>
<a href="#">ORS 339.240</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 339.250</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 339.260</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 339.315</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 339.327</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 809.060</a>	
<a href="#">ORS 809.260</a>	

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).