

## Students

### **WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

The Governing Board desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons.

#### Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement or security personnel from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Students possessing without permission or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

Under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (20 U.S.C. 7151, Education Code 48902, Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10)

#### Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

*(cf. 5125 -Student Records; Confidentiality)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession.

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The strategy shall also include means of informing staff, students and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35291 Governing Board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools

48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion

48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities

48915 Required recommendation for expulsions

48916 Readmission

49330- 49335 Injurious objects

PENAL CODE

245 Assault with deadly weapon

417.2 Imitation firearms

417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting

626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or school grounds; exception On

653k Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies

12001 Control of deadly weapons

12020-12036 Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons

12220 Unauthorized possession of a machinegun

12401 Tear gas

12402 Tear gas weapon

12403.7 Weapons approved for self defense

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-7941 No Child Left Behind Act; especially:

7151 Gun-Free Schools Act

Management Resources:

CDE COMMUNICATIONS

0401.01 Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911: A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center:

<http://www.safestate.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.nssc1.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/grss.html>

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