

Policy of the Lancaster Board of Educations

Students

**WEAPONS**

No one shall bring or possess a weapon or imitation of a weapon on school property, on a school bus, or at any school activity. A weapon is defined as any object that by its design and/or use can cause bodily injury or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to guns, water guns, and non-working replicas of weapons, war souvenirs, knives, razors, karate sticks, and similar items. In addition, no one may use any article to threaten or injure another person.

Exceptions to this policy are:

1. Law enforcements officers discharging their official duties or military personnel who are armed in the line of duty.
2. The building Principal may allow weapons in buildings for purpose of demonstrations or educational purposes. This approval must be in of writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to school. The Principal except during the demonstrations or presentation.
3. Theatrical props used in appropriate settings.
4. Starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events.

Except as otherwise provide by lay, any student violating this policy shall be subject to immediate suspension pending a hearing by the School Board and shall be subject to penalties permitted by state or federal law and subject expulsion. Any student who brings firearm or weapon to a school in the district shall be referred to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system.

Employees possessing a weapon or permitting others to possess a weapon or violating this policy in any other manner shall be disciplined and/or referred to the law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Law enforcement officers shall be contacted as soon as possible in a weapon situation. If there is an immediate threat to safety in a given circumstance involving weapons, appropriate action will be taken. Any person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

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