



<p>3. Authority SC 1317.2</p>	<p>The possession and/or use of firearms and/or weapons by students, staff or general public is prohibited on or in school property, at school-sponsored activities or on any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity. This prohibition shall extend to possession and/or use of weapons by school employees during the course of their employment, even while off of or away from school property on school business. This prohibition shall extend to possession and/or use of weapons by students when under the jurisdiction or control of the district. This prohibition shall extend to possession and/or use of weapons by the general public at anytime while on or in school property.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the foregoing, possession of a weapon shall be authorized in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorized employees responding to a building, or other emergency, in which there may be a threat of violence (e.g., hostile person or break-in) may possess weapons for self-defense purposes only.</li> <li>2. Any person, including employees and students, may possess weapons with the prior, expressed written consent of the building principal. Such possession shall be only for the purpose, manner, and duration outlined in said consent, provided that the weapons shall otherwise be secured in the place in manner directed by the principal.</li> <li>3. At any time that they may be required to be present within any school building in conjunction with the duties of their employment, law-enforcement personnel or security personnel shall be permitted to be in possession of weapons.</li> <li>4. Possession of weapons in conjunction with any intramural, inter-scholastic, or extracurricular activities sponsored by the district and under the supervision of district authorized personnel shall be permitted, subject the approval and authorization of Superintendent. This shall include, for example, rifle and drill teams as well as the use of props for theatrical and drama productions.</li> <li>5. A weapon that is unloaded and possessed by an individual while traversing school property for the purpose of obtaining access to public or private lands used for lawful hunting is permitted, if the entry on school premises is authorized by school authorities. Annually, the administration will request, in writing, that neighboring landowners, which permit hunting on their property, inform any hunters of this requirement.</li> </ol>
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<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>6. Employees of the district may possess instruments, which may otherwise be considered as weapons, in the course of the performance of their work duties. This shall include, for example, art teachers, industrial arts/home economics teachers, and members of the maintenance and custodial staff, provided that the tools and instruments be maintained by the employee and secured under lock and key when not in use and be subjected to periodic inventory. Pursuant to this provision, employees shall be permitted to possess pocket "Swiss Army" type devices, which may include a small knife, with prior notice to the building principal. Such instruments shall remain, at all times, in the exclusive possession of the employee. Employees shall immediately report, verbally and in writing, to the building principal any lost, stolen or missing weapon possessed by the employee pursuant to this provision.</p> <p>7. All staff in the school buildings shall be permitted to possess and use eating utensils in the cafeteria, faculty lounge and other designated eating areas, which for teachers may include their assigned classroom. Such utensils may be stored in a lunch bag in the classroom but may only be used in the cafeteria, faculty lounge or other designated eating area.</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>Any weapon found on or about a person while on school property, at school-sponsored activities or on any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity is subject to immediate seizure and forfeiture.</p> <p>The building principal, supervisor, and/or designee shall fully investigate any allegation of the possession or use of a weapon by any individual while on or in school property, which is under his/her jurisdiction.</p> <p>Proper care should be taken to ensure the safety of all persons who may become involved in the incident and to isolate the individual(s) posing the danger. In the case of firearms, the appropriate law-enforcement authority shall immediately be notified and, if deemed necessary, their help requested. Where other weapons may be involved, law-enforcement authorities may be notified and, if deemed necessary, their assistance requested. The firearm, or other weapon, shall be confiscated. Where a clear and present danger is evident, assistance from the appropriate law-enforcement authorities shall be obtained.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall be notified of the incident as soon as it is possible. Whether such investigation shall prove founded or unfounded, the investigator shall submit a written summary to the Superintendent.</p>
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<p>Pol. 236</p>	<p>It shall be a defense to an alleged violation of this policy if the weapon is possessed and used in conjunction with a lawful purpose as permitted herein.</p> <p><u>Students</u></p> <p>A copy of any investigative report may be provided to any effected student's parents or legal guardians, upon written request. If the investigation shall prove founded, the Superintendent shall determine whether or not to request the filing of criminal charges. If the investigation involves the possession of a weapon by a student, disciplinary proceedings shall be implemented pursuant to district policy and applicable law.</p> <p><u>Employees</u></p> <p>A copy of any investigative report may be provided to any effected employee, or his/her designated representative, upon written request. If the investigation shall prove founded, the Superintendent shall determine whether or not to request the filing of criminal charges. Employees found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal, pursuant to law and, where applicable, the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.</p> <p><u>Members of the Public</u></p> <p>A copy of any investigative report may be provided to any effected member of the public, upon written request. If the investigation shall prove founded, the Superintendent shall determine whether or not to request the filing of criminal charges. Members of the public found to be in violation of this policy may be excluded from school district property or school-sponsored activities at the discretion of the Board.</p> <p><u>Procedures</u></p> <p>The Board considers the reporting of any weapons on district property or school buses under the care, custody, or control of the district, at school-sponsored activities to be of extreme importance for the health, safety and welfare of the school community. Employees and students observing or otherwise becoming aware of weapons on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or on school transportation shall report the same to the administration immediately. Where appropriate, administrators shall report individuals suspected of possessing weapons on school property, and school-sponsored activities, or on school transportation to the appropriate law-enforcement officials. Employees and students shall cooperate with law enforcement officials in the detection and prosecution of all violators of this policy.</p>
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Any persons who supply information relating to this policy are immune from prosecution as defined in Commonwealth law. This immunity is guaranteed even if the information is determined to be inaccurate, if the information provided was given in good faith and with the best interest of the school community in mind.

To the greatest extent possible, information, which is supplied by students, shall be kept confidential to protect the students making the reports.