

Administrative Procedure 353

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ITEMS IN SCHOOL

Background

The safety of students, staff, parents and visitors is a primary concern. Students are prohibited from bringing weapons or potentially dangerous items to school unless authorized by the Principal for instructional purposes within approved programs.

Procedures

1. The Principal, in cooperation with staff, shall develop procedures for dealing with the possession of weapons or potentially dangerous items by students in school and make these known to the student body.
2. Where a serious threat to safety exists, the police shall be called.
3. Staff members, in attempting to remove weapons from an individual's possession shall exercise due care for the safety of themselves, students and others.
4. Where a weapon has been removed from an individual and where it has been necessary to inform the police regarding the possession of a weapon under this procedure, the Principal shall inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) and Superintendent in writing.
5. Weapons taken from students or others shall be disposed of forthwith as follows:
 - 5.1 Weapons taken from students or other individuals shall be immediately turned over to the Principal.
 - 5.2 The Principal shall contact the police with respect to disposition of any dangerous weapons.
6. Possession of a weapon may, depending on specific circumstances, be grounds for suspension and a recommendation for expulsion, subject to Administrative Procedure 355 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students.
7. The possession and use of laser pointers by students is prohibited.

Reference: Section 11, 31, 36, 37, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act