



JICI - STUDENT CONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS

The Board of Education has determined that student possession, use and/or threatened use, without the authorization of the school or the District, of a dangerous weapon or of a knife regardless of blade length on District property, on a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, or off District property when such conduct has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event, is detrimental to the welfare and safety of students and school personnel.

Student possession, use and/or threatened use, without the authorization of the school or the District, of a dangerous weapon or of a knife regardless of blade length is prohibited on all District property, on all District vehicles, at all District or school-sponsored activities or events, and off District property when such conduct has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event.

Student possession, use and/or threatened use of a dangerous weapon or of a knife regardless of blade length in violation of this policy is grounds for suspension or expulsion. In accordance with federal law, expulsion for no less than one full calendar year shall be mandatory for a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school or to have possessed a firearm at school. The superintendent may modify the length of this federally required expulsion in writing on a case-by-case basis.

As used in this policy, "dangerous weapon" means:

1. A firearm, whether loaded or unloaded.
2. A firearm facsimile that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual firearm.
3. Any pellet, BB gun or other device, whether operational or not, designed to propel projectiles by spring action or compressed air.
4. A fixed blade knife with a blade that measures longer than three inches in length or a spring-loaded knife or pocket knife with a blade that measures longer than three and one-half inches in length. The length of all knife blades under this policy shall be measured from the tip of the blade to the "hilt" or handle of the knife.
5. Any object, device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, used or intended to be used to inflict death or serious bodily injury, including but not limited to a slingshot, bludgeon, brass or spiked knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind, and nunchucks.

As used in this policy in accordance with federal law, "firearm" means: (1) any weapon (including a starter gun) that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (2) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (3) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (4) any destructive device. As used in this policy in accordance with federal law, "destructive device" means: (1) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas (bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or device similar to those in the preceding list); (2) any type of weapon that will or that may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and that has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter; or (3) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a "destructive device" (as previously defined) and from which a "destructive device" (as previously defined) may be readily assembled.

School administrators, officials and employees may confiscate any weapons or other articles detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of students and/or staff, and may submit the weapon or article to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

In accordance with applicable law, District personnel shall refer any student to law enforcement who brings a firearm or other weapon onto District property without authorization of the school or the District.

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LEGAL REFS:

18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3) & (4)
20 U.S.C. 7151
C.R.S. 18-1-901(3)(e)
C.R.S. 18-12-101
C.R.S. 18-12-105.5
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(1)(c) & (2)(a)(I)(G)
C.R.S. 22-33-102(4)
C.R.S. 22-33-106(1)(d)(I), (1)(f) & (1.5)

CROSS REFS:

JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion Of Students

JKD/JKE-R, Procedures Regarding Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JKDA/JKEA, Grounds for Suspension/Expulsion of Students