

### Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The Governing Board recognizes that students, staff and visitors on campus have the right to a safe and secure campus and to be free from physical and psychological harm. The Board desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

#### Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments as defined in law and administrative regulation in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at school-related or school-sponsored activities, away from school or while going to or coming from school.

Students possessing or threatening others with any weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

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 any prohibited weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any student on school grounds.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (20 USC 7151; Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10)

#### Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

#### 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.

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. The Superintendent or designee shall inform 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  
417.4 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  
653k Switchblade knife  
16100-17350 Definitions  
22810-23025 Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)  
25200-25225 Firearms, access to children  
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

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, January 2004

WEB SITES

CDE, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

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

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>

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