

POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

No person shall possess, use, or store a weapon or look-alike weapon in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored activities, except as otherwise specifically provided. A dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon is defined by state statute to include, but not be limited to, guns, electric weapons, knives, except a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2.5 inches in length, metallic knuckles, martial arts equipment, or any other object which is capable of inflicting bodily harm, property damage, or which endangers the health and safety of students and staff. Ammunition and explosives are included within the weapons category.

Violation of this policy will be reported to law enforcement or juvenile delinquency authorities as outlined in Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Dangerous weapons will be confiscated by school personnel and a dangerous weapon(s) taken from a student will be reported to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Any student violating this policy shall be subject to penalties outlined in the state law and referred for suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with state and federal law. Any employee violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and agreements and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

The building principal may allow weapons in the building for the following purposes:

1. Weapons under the control of law enforcement officers discharging their official duties or military personnel who are armed in the line of duty;
2. Theatrical props used in appropriate settings, starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events or archery equipment properly used in physical education classes;
3. For purposes of demonstration, educational presentations, or safety classes. Approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal or person(s) designated by the principal, except during the actual demonstration or presentation.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes
 939.22(10)
 948.60
 948.605
 P.L. 103-382 (Gun Free Schools Act of 1994)
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