

**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416
BOARD POLICY**

No. 4210

4000 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Public Access to School, Staff and Students

4210 - Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises

It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities.

The superintendent is directed to see that all school facilities post "Gun-Free Zone" signs, and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following persons may carry firearms into school buildings, as necessary, although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises:

- 1) Persons engaged in military, law enforcement, or school district security activities;
- 2) Persons involved in a school-authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearm safety course;
- 3) Persons competing in school-authorized firearm or air gun competitions; and
- 4) Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer.

The following persons (over eighteen years of age and not enrolled as students) may have firearms in their possession on school property outside of school buildings:

- 1) Persons with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to RCW 9.41.070 who are picking up or dropping off students; and
- 2) Persons conducting legitimate business at the school and in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon if the weapon is secured within an attended vehicle, is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle.

Persons may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school premises if the weapons are lawfully within the person's possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts class. Person over eighteen years of age, and persons between fourteen and eighteen years of age with written parental or guardian permission, may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under eighteen years of age may deliver such devices. No one eighteen years or older may deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen, or to anyone between fourteen and eighteen who does not have parental permission.

Personal protection spray devices may not be used other than in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission or use of personal protection spray devices under any other circumstances is a violation of district policy.

Action

School officials will promptly notify the student’s parents or guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy will be subject to discipline, including a one-year expulsion for a violation involving a firearm. However, the Superintendent may modify the expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis.

Legal References:	RCW 9.41.280	Dangerous weapons on facilities – Penalty - Exceptions
	RCW 9A.16.020	Use of force — when lawful
	RCW 9.91.160	Personal Protection Spray devices
	RCW 28A.600.420	Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities — Penalty — Exemptions
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , October 1997	Legislature also addresses “look-alike” firearms
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 1998	State Encourages Modification of Weapons Policy
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2006	Weapons on school premises