

## **REGULATION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

Unless specifically authorized by this policy, it is a violation of district policy for any individual to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on district property or school-provided transportation. This prohibition applies to any facility owned, rented, or leased by the district. If the district leases or rents part of a property for district use, firearms and dangerous weapons are prohibited on any portion of the premises where the district has the right of exclusive use.

Carrying a dangerous weapon onto school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities in violation of RCW 9.41.280 is also a criminal offense. It is the policy of this district that the presence of firearms and other dangerous weapons in the workplace or educational environment is to be minimized as much as possible. As such, the following activities are prohibited regardless of whether such possession would violate state law, and regardless of whether the weapon is secured in a vehicle or possessed by a individual with a concealed weapons permit:

1. No district staff member may bring any firearm or dangerous weapon onto any district property without prior authorization of the Superintendent.
2. No individual or entity renting, leasing, or otherwise being granted the right to temporary use of district-owned property may possess, or allow its guests to possess, firearms or dangerous weapons on district-owned property.

The Superintendent is directed to ensure 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 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### **Dangerous Weapons**

The term “dangerous weapons” under state law includes:

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as “nunchaku sticks,” consisting of two (2) or more length of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- Any device, commonly known as “throwing stars,” which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;
- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a individual or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument that is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure an individual by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- The following instruments:
  - Any dirk or dagger;

- Any knife with a blade longer than three (3) inches;
- Any knife with a blade that is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device;
- Any knife having a blade that opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; and
- Any razor with an unguarded blade;
- Any slung shot, sandbag, or sand club;
- Metal knuckles;
- A sling shot;
- Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;
- Any explosive;
- Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument that has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.

In addition, the district considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife or razor not listed above, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities;
- Any object other than those listed above that is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another individual and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury.

### **Reporting Dangerous Weapons**

#### **Students**

If the district believes that a student has violated this policy, an appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student's parents/guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy.

Students who have possessed a firearm on any school premises, school-provided transportation, or school-sponsored activities or event at any facility shall be expelled for not less than one (1) year pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420. The superintendent may modify the expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis. Further, the district may suspend or expel a student for up to (1) one year if the student acts with malice (as defined under RCW 9A.04.110) and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.

All expulsion and or suspension and all other discipline of students who violate this policy will be subject to District Policy 3241 – Student Discipline.

#### **Staff**

If a district staff member believes that another district staff member has violated this policy, the staff member will report their concerns to an appropriate school or district authority for further inquiry. Any disciplinary action of an employee who willfully violates this policy will be subject to District Policy 5281 – Disciplinary Action and Discharge.

### **Exceptions**

The following individuals may carry firearms into school buildings and district facilities, as

necessary, although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises:

- A. Individuals engaged in district-authorized military or law enforcement or School Resource Officer activities;
- B. Individuals involved in a district authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety course;
- C. Individuals competing in district authorized firearm or air gun competitions; and
- D. Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer.

The following individuals who are over eighteen (18) years of age, not employed by the district, not renting or leasing district facilities, and not enrolled as students, may possess firearms outside of school buildings on school property under only the following limited circumstances:

- A. Individuals with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to [RCW 9.41.070](#) who are picking up or dropping off students; and
- B. Individuals 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. Pursuant to RCW 9.41.050, no one may lawfully possess a loaded handgun in a vehicle unless the individual has a valid concealed pistol permit.

Individuals may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school premises if the weapons are lawfully within the individual's possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts class.

### **Personal Protection Spray**

Individuals over eighteen (18) years of age, and individuals between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years of age with written parental/guardian permission, may possess personal protection spray devices on school property. No one under eighteen (18) years of age may deliver such devices. No one eighteen (18) years or older may deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen (14), or to anyone between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) who does not have parental/guardian 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.

Cross References:	2320 - Field Trips, Excursion and Outdoor Education
	3200 - Students Rights and Responsibilities
	3226 - Interview of Students on School Premises
	3230 - Student Privacy and Searches
	3241 - Student Discipline
	3232 - Emergencies
	4200 - Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
	4260 - Use of School Facilities

4301 - Relations with the Law Enforcement,  
Child Protective Agencies and the County Health  
Department

4314 - Notification of Threats of Violence or  
Harm

4320 - Cooperative Program with Other Districts  
and Public Agencies

5270 - Resolution of Staff Complaints

6112 - Rental or Lease of District Property

6511 - Safety Program

6513 - Workplace Violence Prevention

Legal References:

RCW 28A.600.420

RCW 9.94A.825

RCW 9.91.160

RCW 9.41.280

RCW 9.41.250

RCW 9A.16.020

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