

ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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218.1. WEAPONS

1. Purpose

Weapons serve no educational purpose. The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is prohibited by law and students found to be in possession of a weapon upon school property shall be subject to discipline as outlined in Board policy. The district's foremost concern is to provide for the safety and welfare of all students and employees.
2. Definitions

SC 1317.2

Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, dagger knife, razor, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, explosive, firearm, shotgun, rifle, _ blackjack, metal knuckles, mace, <!Tidl or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. This definition also includes any lookalike instrument that could be used to cause intimidation or fear to students or staff.

Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student, in the student's locker, under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.

The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school district buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity.
3. Authority

SC 1317.2

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The school district shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.

In the case of a student with disabilities, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
4. Delegation of Responsibility

20 U.S.c.
Sec. 1400 et seq

SC 1317.2 The Superintendent or designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians and to local law enforcement officials.

SC1317.2 The Superintendent or designee shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon to the Department of Education.

SC 1303-A The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.

SC 1303-A Acts of violence or possession of a weapon in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.

SC 1303-A Students, staff and parents/guardians shall be informed at least annually concerning this policy.

5. Guidelines An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall preScribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.

SC 1317.2 Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

Transfer Students

SC 1317.2 When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide a.'lternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.

20 U.S.c.
Sec. 7151

20 D.S.C.
Sec.7114

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