

**DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Dangerous weapons, such as, but not limited to, firearms, explosives, knives, incendiaries, martial arts weapons (as defined in RSA 159:24), electronic defense weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), clubs, billies, metallic knuckles or containers containing chemicals such as pepper gas or mace, or the use of any object as a weapon are not permitted on school property, on school vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities. Students knowingly violating this policy will result in both school disciplinary action and notification of the police. Suspension or expulsion from school could result.

In addition, any student who is determined to have brought a firearm (as defined by 18 USC 921) to school will be expelled for not less than one year (365 days). This expulsion may be modified by the Superintendent upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable laws.

Any student who knowingly aids and/or abets or otherwise assists another student(s) in possessing, bringing, or concealing any dangerous weapon into any school, school sponsored activity, or school property including buses, will be immediately suspended from school and required to appear before the school board before reinstatement.

Procedures for staff member to deal with dangerous weapons will be contained in the school district's Crisis Management Plan.

Weapons under control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

All students will receive written notice of this policy at least once each year.

**Legal References:**

18 USC § 921, et. seq., *Firearms; Definitions*

20 USC § 7151, *Gun-Free School Act*

RSA 193-D, *Safe School Zones*

RSA 193:13, *Pupils; Suspension and Expulsion of Students*

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317, *Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils including Procedures Assuring Due Process*

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