

**WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Trustees desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board therefore prohibits students from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school.

Under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

Students possessing or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon.

**POSSESSION OF PEPPER SPRAY**

The Board recognizes that students age 16 or older may legally possess tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray for the purpose of self-defense. Students who carry such items at school or school activities shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion if they use such items improperly or for any purpose other than self-defense.

**REPORTING OF DANGEROUS OBJECTS**

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The strategy shall also provide a method of informing staff, students, and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

**LEGAL REFERENCE****CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE**

35291	Governing board to prescribe rules for the government and discipline of the schools
48900	Grounds for suspension/expulsion
48902	Notification of law enforcement authorities
48915	Required recommendation for expulsions
48916	Readmission
49330-49335	Injurious objects

**CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE**

245	Assault with deadly weapon
417.2	Imitation firearms
417.4	Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting
626.9	Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995
626.10	Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school
653k	Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies
12001	Control of deadly weapons
12020-12036	Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons
12220	Unauthorized possession of a machine gun
12401-12404	Tear gas
12550-12556	BB devices and imitation firearms

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**

6301-7941	No Child Left Behind Act, especially:
7151	Gun-Free Schools Act