

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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POLICY TITLE WEAPONS

No. 502.6

The board believes weapons, lookalikes, and any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another in School District facilities cause or may cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the School District premises or property within the jurisdiction of the School District.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons, lookalikes, or any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another. Weapons, lookalikes, or any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Parents/guardians of students found to possess weapons, lookalikes, or any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another on school property shall be notified of the incident. Possession or confiscation of weapons, lookalikes, or any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and students will be subject to disciplinary action.

Due to the serious nature of the conduct prohibited by this policy, students in violation of this policy shall be expelled for not less than one year unless extenuating circumstances exist. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for students on a case-by-case basis.

Weapons and firearms under the control of law enforcement officials or other individuals specifically authorized by the board shall be exempt from this policy. Students and individuals approved in writing by the Superintendent who are actively engaging in a school district approved firearms safety course, hunter education course or shooting sports activity are exempt from this policy. The superintendent will develop an administrative process or procedures to implement the policy and communicate with law enforcement relevant exemptions to this policy as appropriate.

Legal Reference: No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Sec. 4141, P.L. 107-110 (2002).
Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.
18 U.S.C. § 921
McClain v. Lafayette County Bd. of Education, 673 F.2d 106 (5th Cir. 1982).
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.21B; 483A.27(11); 724.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6)

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
503 Student Discipline
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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