

DANGEROUS WEAPONS AND OFFENSES IN THE SCHOOLS OR AT SCHOOL EVENTS, COMPETITIONS, PROGRAMS, OR ACTIVITIES

The Board is committed to providing the students of the District with an educational environment which is free of the dangers of firearms, knives, and other dangerous weapons in the schools.

The definition of a firearm shall include any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C.A. Section 921-924), which includes but is not limited to any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or device similar to any of the devices described above.

No student shall bring a firearm to or possess a firearm while on school property, in a school vehicle, or at any inter-scholastic competition, extra-curricular event, or at any school-sponsored activity or program or in which the school is a participant. Any student that brings a firearm in the above manner shall be expelled from school by the Superintendent for a period of one calendar year. Any student who possesses a firearm which was initially brought onto school property or to another event, activity, competition, or program by another person may be expelled by the Superintendent at his/her discretion. In addition, the Superintendent shall notify the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile delinquency authorities. Any such expulsion shall extend as necessary into the school year following the school year in which the incident occurred. The Superintendent may reduce the one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Students are also prohibited from bringing a knife to or possessing a knife while on school property, in a school vehicle, or at any inter-scholastic competition, extra-curricular event, or at any school-sponsored activity or program or in which the school is a participant. The definition of a knife includes, but is not limited to, a cutting instrument consisting of a blade fastened to a handle. If a student bring to or possesses a knife while on school property, in a school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity, the Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, expel the student from school subject to the conditions stated above.

The Board may extend the right to expel a student for reasons beyond the possession of a firearm or knife. Students who possess or use other dangerous weapons, which are defined as but not limited to metal knuckles, straight razors, noxious irritation or poisonous gases, poisons, drugs, or other items possessed with the intent to use, sell, harm, threaten, or harass students, staff members, parents, or community members may be subject to expulsion.

The Superintendent may expel a pupil from school for a period not to exceed one-year for committing an act that is a criminal offense when committed by an adult and that results

in serious physical harm to persons as defined in Division (A) (5) of Section 2901.01 of the Revised Code or serious physical harm to property as defined in Division (A) (6) of Section 2901.01 of the Revised Code while the pupil is at school, or any other property owned or controlled by the Board, or at an inter-scholastic competition, and extra-curricular event, or any other school program or activity. Any expulsion under this paragraph shall extend, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place.

The Superintendent is authorized to expel a student from school for a period not to exceed one year for making a bomb threat to a school building, or to any premises at which a school activity is occurring at the time of the threat or is scheduled at the time the threatened bombing is to occur. Any expulsion under this division extends, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place.

Matters which might lead to a reduction of the expulsion period include: the student's mental and/or physical characteristics or conditions; an incident involving a disabled student when the incident is a manifestation of the disability; the age of the student and its relevance to the punishment; the prior disciplinary history of the student, and/or the intent of the perpetrator.

Whenever a student is suspended, expelled, removed, or permanently excluded from a District school for misconduct included under this policy, and the misconduct involves a firearm or a knife or other weapon as defined in this policy, the Superintendent will notify the registrar and the juvenile judge of the county in which the district is located of the suspension, expulsion, removal, or permanent exclusion. The notification shall be given to the registrar in the manner in which the registrar requires and shall be given to juvenile judge in writing. The notifications shall be given within two weeks after the suspension, expulsion, removal, or permanent exclusion.

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LEGAL REFS: ORC 2923.122; 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.662; 3321.13
 18 USC 921
 20 USC 2701 et seq. - Title IX 9001-9005
 20 USC 8922

CROSS REFS: JEGA, Permanent Exclusion
 JFC, Student Conduct
 JGD, Student Suspension
 JGDA, Emergency Removal of a Student
 JGE, Student Expulsion
 Student Code of Conduct