

832 WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The School Board prohibits staff members, students, and visitors from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the School District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the School District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the School District, a school-sponsored event, or in a School District vehicle to the extent permitted by law. Policy regarding staff members is found in Policy 529. The policy pertaining to students is found in Policy 443.6.

Concealed Carry Permit Holders

Anyone, including a holder of a concealed carry permit license issued or recognized by the State of Wisconsin, is prohibited by virtue of Wis. Stat. 948.605(2)(b)1r from possessing a concealed weapon anywhere in or on school grounds including parking areas. A volunteer who is a concealed carry permit licensee may transport students for school-sponsored events or school-related purposes in his/her own vehicle only if the volunteer has agreed not to carry a concealed weapon while transporting such students. This does not apply to the transportation of students related by blood or marriage to the volunteer if only such students are being transported.

Definition of “Weapon”

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the way it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms (including, but not limited to firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)), guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives (subject to the exceptions below) razors with unguarded blades, clubs, electric weapons (as defined in 941.295(1c)(a), Wis. Stats.), metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, chemical agents, ammunition, and explosives.

Exceptions to this policy include:

- Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel while on duty, or qualified former law enforcement officers, off duty law enforcement officers, or out-of-state law enforcement officers;
- Contracted personnel that are authorized by law to carry weapons in the course of their professional duties and for which the School District and the contracted entity have a contract that authorizes employees of the contracted entity to carry a weapon on school grounds and in school buildings in the performance of their duties (i.e. armored transport services);

- Items approved by the District Administrator as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, including, but not limited to hunters' education courses, if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved (working firearms, except those protected at all times by a cable or trigger lock, and live ammunition shall never be approved);
- Theatrical props used in appropriate settings;
- Starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events; and
- A knife lawfully used for food consumption or preparation, or a knife used for a lawful purpose within the scope of the person's business while on School District property or at a School District-sponsored activity.

The District Administrator may refer a visitor or volunteer who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The visitor or volunteer may also be subject to other action such as loss of volunteer status at the sole discretion of the School Board.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 120.13(1), 939.22(10), 941.2965, 948.60, 948.605, 948.61 Gun Free Schools Act of 1994

Cross Reference: Employee Agreements

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