

WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY •

GUNS AND FIREARMS: STUDENT POLICY

Any student who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code in a safe school zone as defined in RSA 193-D:1 without written authorization from the Superintendent or his/her designee shall be expelled from school by the Lafayette Regional School Board for a period of not less than 12 months. This expulsion may be modified by the Superintendent, with School Board approval, upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law.

Pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act, the Board requires the Superintendent to contact local law enforcement authorities and/or the Division of Children and Youth Services and notify them of any student who brings a firearm on school property.

OTHER WEAPONS: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY MEMBER POLICY

For the purpose of this policy, “weapon” includes but is not limited to: sling shot, metallic knuckles, billies, knives, electronic defense weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), aerosol self-defense spray weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), and martial arts weapons (as defined in RSA 159:24.)

A “weapon” is further defined as any device, instrument, material, or substance, which is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, and/or is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Weapons are not permitted on school property, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored events. This policy applies to students, parents, and community members alike. Students who violate this policy will be disciplined by school administration and local law enforcement authorities will be notified. Parents and community members who violate this policy may be reported to local law enforcement authorities if possession of the weapon is used in a threatening, harassing, or intimidating manner.

The Superintendent or Principal may exercise his/her best judgment in determining the scope of this policy as it relates to inadvertent or unintentional violations of this policy by adults, provided such inadvertent or unintentional violation of this policy does not affect the safety of students, school staff, or the public.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted on school property.

This policy shall be included in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Legal References:

18 U.S.C. 921 et seq.

20 U.S.C. 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act

RSA 193:11, Disturbance

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193:13, 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

NCLB 20 U.S.C.A. 7139 et seq.

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