

**WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

Students shall not bring to, possess, or use deadly weapons, firearms, dangerous instruments, or their replicas in school buildings, on school grounds or district-provided transportation, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, unless written permission has been previously obtained from the Superintendent or designee specifically authorizing that possession or use. Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with district policy and procedures.

School employees may confiscate weapons or dangerous instruments on school grounds or at school-related or school-sponsored activities in order to maintain discipline and to protect the welfare and safety of students, staff and the public.

The district shall, by regulation, define the terms "deadly weapon," "dangerous instrument," and "firearm."

The Board shall expel any student who brings a firearm to school in violation of this policy for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The Board shall suspend for at least 30 days, or expel for the school year, or permanently, a student who violates the portion of this policy relating to deadly weapons. The Superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis, recommend a modification of these periods of suspension or expulsion. Such modification recommendation shall involve consideration of all relevant factors, including those in aggravation and mitigation of the violation, and whether suspension is appropriate if the student has an individual education plan.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for reporting all violations of this policy to the Board and shall make all required reports to state, local, and federal agencies. The Superintendent shall also be responsible for referring to law enforcement authorities any student who violates this policy.

*(cf. 3514 - Safety)*

*(cf. 4158/4358 - Employee Security)*

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*(cf. AR 5131 - Code of Conduct)*

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*Legal Reference:*

*Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 (Pub.L. 89-10, Title VIII, s 8001, as added Pub.L. 103-227, Title X, s 1032(3), March 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 270.)*

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Pub.L. 94-142)*

*1973 Rehabilitation Act, Section 504*

*Elementary and Secondary Educational Act of 1965*

*Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12183(b)*

ALASKA STATUTES

*11.61.210 Misconduct involving weapons in the fourth degree*

*11.81.900 Definitions*

*14.03.160 Suspension or expulsion of students for possessing weapons*