



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	WEAPONS
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218.1 - WEAPONS

Section 1. Purpose

The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.

Section 2. Definitions

- a. Weapon - the term shall include, but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and any other tool, instrument, or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.
- b. Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; and under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.
- c. Expulsion - removal from the student's regular program, as defined in Board policy. Care should be taken by school officials to ensure that a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school is effectively removed from that setting.
- d. Weapon Look-Alike - includes any implement which is designed to look like a weapon. This definition does not include legitimate tools, instruments, or implements used by North Allegheny employees or contract repair personnel in the normal course of their working duties or tools provided to students by District employees as authorized by the School District.

Section 3. Authority

- a. The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any School District buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing

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<p>SC 1317.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity, or while the student is coming to or from school.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 113.1</p>	<p>b. The Board may expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this Weapons Policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law and Board policy. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, including for when an evaluation is pending.</p> <p>c. In the case of a student with disabilities, the District shall take all steps required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Board policy.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A</p> <p>SC 1302.1-A, 1317.2</p> <p>SC 1303-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>Section 4. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>a. North Allegheny School District employees, students, and program participants shall report any knowledge regarding possession of weapons on District property to the building administrator, staff member, or Athletic Director who will in turn report it to the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>b. The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning weapons on school property. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p> <p>c. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and inform the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s).</p> <p>d. The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>a. The building principal shall annually inform staff, students, and parent(s)/guardian(s) about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>b. An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or administrative regulations to be followed.</p> <p>c. Any weapon or weapon look-alike possessed in violation of this Policy is subject to seizure and/or forfeiture.</p> <p>d. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. In</p>

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accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

e. Transfer Students - When the School District receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the District may assign that student to an alternative assignment, or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912

Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300

Board Policy – 113.1, 218, 233

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