



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
TITLE:	WEAPONS
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417.1 - 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 - shall include, but not be limited to:

Any loaded or unloaded firearm, including pellet guns, B.B. guns, and look-alike firearms, explosive devices of any kind, any Bowie knife, Dirk knife, lock-blade knife, hunting knife, or any other similar knife, tools or instruments that are not reasonably related to education such as chains, brass knuckles, night-sticks, ax handles, biological and chemical agents, mace, stun guns, ammunition, explosive devices, fireworks, pyrotechnics, cutting instruments, cutting tools, nunchakus, firearms, shotguns, rifles, replicas of weapons, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

b. Possessing – a professional employee is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the employee; under the employee's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, or at any school event held away from the school.

Section 3. Guidelines

a. Any professional employee who has information about a weapons possession shall immediately inform an administrator who will conduct a complete investigation.

b. An administrator and the police shall be present during the investigation. If a weapon exists, the weapon shall be confiscated.

c. Professional employees possessing a weapon(s) or a replica of a weapon(s) in violation of this policy shall surrender it to a supervisor immediately. If the

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employee refuses to do so, the supervisor shall inform the police immediately and take precautions to ensure the safety of students and other employees.

- d. Professional employees may ask permission from the building administrator and complete the appropriate forms to bring a weapon/weapon look-a-like into the school building for educational purposes.
- e. Violations or suspected violations of this policy shall be reported to the Superintendent immediately.
 - 1. A written report from the professional employee's supervisor shall be sent to the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources upon the determination that the professional employee is suspected of violating this policy.
 - 2. The report shall include a description of the weapon and the name(s) of any witnesses.
 - 3. The report shall also include a description of the circumstances associated with the discovery of the weapon.

Section 4. Consequences

- a. A professional employee may be suspended with pay pending completion of an investigation and the initiation of procedures under any applicable collective bargaining agreement.
- b. Failure to fully comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action as provided for by district policy and/or the respective collective bargaining agreement or individual contract.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317.2

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