

**POSSESSION OF FIREARM(S), DANGEROUS WEAPONS,
OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES
POLICY 4210**

Student possession of a weapon on district property or at district-sponsored events creates a danger to students and staff and is disruptive to the operations of school.

It is a violation of district policy and state law for any student to possess, handle or transport any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon on the school grounds at any time, at a designated bus stop, at a school-sponsored event, or while en route between home and school. Students who violate this policy will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school. Students may be expelled for not less than one year when a firearm is involved, and in all such cases, parents and law enforcement authorities will be notified by the Superintendent of the school.

Possession includes, but is not limited to, having a weapon on district property or at a district-sponsored event located (a) in a space assigned to a student such as a locker or desk; (b) on the student's person or property (such as on the student's body, in his/her clothing, purse, backpack, gym bag or vehicle); (c) under the student's control or accessible or available, such as hidden by the student.

Students expelled under this rule may apply for readmission after the expulsion period has expired. Upon written request for readmission, a committee will be convened to review the facts and make a recommendation to the Superintendent. The committee will include, but is not limited to, the Dean of Students, a teacher from the grade span where the infraction occurred, a counselor or psychologist and other professionals as may be deemed appropriate. The committee shall consider the safety of students and staff and may establish readmission conditions which are related to the student's prior record of behavior.

A dangerous weapon shall include, but is not limited to, the following: any knife; any instrument or weapon as defined in RCW 9.41.250; any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks" consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope or other means; any device commonly known as "throwing stars" which are multi-pointed metal objects designed to imbed upon impact from any aspect; gun or any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle designed to propel a BB, pellet or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas; look-alike weapons; or any other object not specifically defined in this policy, but intended to result in physical harm to another person.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 4210

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.600.010
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