

SECTION P
DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS

Possession or Use of a Weapon

PROHIBITION: No student or person shall carry, have in his or her possession, store, keep, leave, place or put into the possession of another student any weapon on any school premises, (or in any vehicle on any school premises), in any school vehicle used by the school or for school purposes, in any school building or other building or premises used for school functions, whether or not any person is endangered by such actions.

For the purposes of this policy, the term “weapon” shall include:

- A. Any controlled weapon including a firearm, silencer, machine gun, or short shotgun as those terms are defined in SDCL 22-1-2 (17), (23), and (46);
- B. Any “dangerous weapon” material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm, or by the manner in which it is used is likely to inflict death or serious bodily harm;
- C. Any “destructive device” including any bomb, grenade, explosive missile or similar device;
- D. Any “explosive” including any substance, or combination of substances, that is used for the purpose of detonation;
- E. Any “firearm” including any weapon from which a projectile or projectiles may be discharged by gunpowder;
- F. Any “stun gun” including any battery-powered, pulsed electrical device of high voltage and low or no amperage that can disrupt the central nervous system and cause temporary loss of voluntary muscle control of a person;
- G. Any “knife”, “club”, “numchuk”, “sling-shot device”, or similar item which is designed to, intended to or used in such a manner as to incapacitate or cause any bodily injury or any threat of bodily injury by the designer or user of the item.

Exceptions to this policy would be weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, starting guns while in use at athletic events, authorized supervised school training sessions for the use of firearms, and weapons used as learning tools in an approved curriculum.

PENALTY: Violation of this policy will result in expulsion for a period of not less than 12 months according to the suspension and expulsion policies of the school district. The superintendent or chief administering officer of the school district may increase or decrease the length of a weapons-related expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Unless there are unusual mitigating factors, the penalty for the offense will be expulsion for a period of not less than 12 months.

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