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## **WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Education desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)  
(cf. 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment)  
(cf. 5131 – Conduct)  
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

### **Possession of Weapons**

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments as defined in law and administrative regulations in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Under the power granted to the Board to protect the safety of students, staff, and others on district property and to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any student on school grounds.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 – Employee Security)

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10; 20 USC 7151)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

### **Possession of Pepper Spray**

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

### **Reporting of Dangerous Objects**

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The Superintendent or designee also shall inform staff, students, and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

#### *Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*35291 Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools*



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**Board Policy: #5131.7**

**Section: 5000**

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48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion  
48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities  
48915 Required recommendation for expulsions  
48916 Readmission  
49330-49335 Injurious objects  
PENAL CODE  
245 Assault with deadly weapon  
417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting  
626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995  
626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school  
653k Switchblade knife  
16100-17350 Definitions  
22810-23025 Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)  
25200-25225 Firearms, access to children  
30310 Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
6301-7941 No Child Left Behind Act, especially:  
7151 Gun-Free Schools Act

**Management Resources:**

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, Third Edition, October 2011

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS**

0401.01 Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, January 2004

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/l/s/ss>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>