

Providing a safe environment for all students and staff is essential in maintaining a setting where the educational process can proceed successfully. Weapons of any kind in the possession of a student shall not be permitted. Therefore, it is the policy of the Minidoka County Joint School District No. 331 to require the establishment of a policy communicating to all students the serious nature of possessing a weapon and the consequences that follow.

**Provisions**

The following provisions are intended to be used for compliance with this policy:

1. Implements manufactured, used, or intended for use as weapons may not be carried at school, on the way to or from school, on school property, in school transportation vehicles, or at any school activities.
2. Students are forbidden to knowingly and/or voluntarily possess, handle, transmit or use any instrument that can be used as a weapon or is a facsimile of a weapon. Any object which could be used to injure another student and which has no school-related purpose for being in school or on school grounds will be considered a weapon for purposes of this policy. The following items are specifically prohibited: Snap-blade knives, non-closing knives, razors, razor blades, firearms, explosives (including caps and firecrackers), "fist loads", "brass knuckles" and "laser pointers." The use of any normally non-dangerous implement, such as a stone, table fork, board, stick, or baseball bat as a weapon shall come under the provisions of this section. Any of the above mentioned items brought to the school by a student shall be confiscated evidence and will not be returned.
3. If an act involves the use of firearms of any kind, the Gun Free School Policy would take precedent.
4. Students found in possession of weapons shall immediately be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
5. Possession, use, or attempt to use on school property or in any school building, anything as a weapon will result in the student being immediately handled in a manner that is consistent with the current school district policies entitled "Suspension" and "Expulsion."
6. Specific requirements and laws shall prevail under certain circumstances that relate to Special Education.



**LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code §18-3302D**

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