

ADD POLICY

Firearms

Purpose

The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.

Authorization

Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees and Board members to possess District-approved firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law.

Each specifically authorized employee and Board member shall be approved by action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved employee and Board member.

Participation in this safety and security program shall be strictly voluntary and shall not be a requirement of any employee or Board member position.

Revocation

The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy. The Board may revoke a Board member's authorization at any time.

However, authorization for a specific employee or Board member to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason, or if the Board member resigns or otherwise no longer holds office as a Board member, regardless of the reason.

Handgun Licensees

Only a District employee or Board member who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.

A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).

Training

The District shall require each District employee or Board member who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property to receive specialized training in crisis intervention, management of

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hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.

Permitted Weapons
and Ammunition

Only District-approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operations procedures.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures to implement this safety and security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.