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## WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS

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~~Weapons and replicas of weapons are forbidden on school property.~~ Students shall not bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon on district property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the district or interscholastic activities administered by a voluntary organization approved by the State Board of Education (i.e., Oregon School Activities Association).

For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapon includes:

1. A ~~D~~ dangerous weapon means any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. A ~~D~~ deadly weapon means any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
3. A ~~F~~ firearm means any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon, ~~or any firearm silencer,~~ or any destructive device;
4. A ~~D~~ destructive device means any device with an explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device, which is designed primarily or redesigned primarily, for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety or similar device.

Weapons may also include, but not be limited to, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, explosives, noxious or irritating or poisonous gases, poisons, unlawful drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to sell to, be used by, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, parents or patrons.

Replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocket knives are also prohibited by Board policy. Exceptions to the district's replicas prohibition may be granted only with prior building principal approval for certain curriculum or school-related activities.

~~Any firearm or~~ Prohibited weapons, replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocket knives are subject to seizure or forfeiture.

In accordance with Oregon law, any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a student or other person has, within the previous 120 days, unlawfully been in possession of a firearm or destructive device as defined by this policy, shall immediately report such violation to an administrator, his/her designee or law enforcement officer. Employees who report directly to law enforcement shall also immediately inform an administrator.

Administrators shall promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of staff reports received and at any other time there is reasonable cause to believe violations have occurred or that a student has been expelled for bringing, possessing, concealing or using a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device. Parents will be notified of all conduct by their student that violates this policy.

Employees shall promptly report all other conduct prohibited by this policy to an administrator.

Students found to have brought, possessed, concealed or used a ~~dangerous or deadly weapon;~~ firearm ~~or destructive device~~ in violation of this policy or state law shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year. All other violations of this policy will result in discipline up to and including expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement, as appropriate. The superintendent may, on a case by case basis. Modify this

**expulsion requirement.** The district may also request suspension of a student’s driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges with the Oregon Department of Transportation, as provided by law. Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against students or others who assist in activity prohibited by this policy.

Special education students shall be disciplined in accordance with federal law and Board Policy JGDA/JGEA-*Discipline of Disabled Students*, and accompanying administrative regulation.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The Superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons **for courses, programs and activities approved by the district and conducted on district property that are registered and handled in a legal manner** including, but not limited to, hunter safety courses, **weapons-related vocational courses or weapons-related sports**. The superintendent may prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed before giving such authorization.

**The district may post a notice at any site or premise off district grounds, that at the time is being used exclusively for a school program or activity. The notice shall identify the district as the sponsor, the activity as a school function and that the possession of firearms or dangerous weapons in or on the site or premises is prohibited under ORS 166.370.**

In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone is prohibited. A “school zone,” as defined by federal law, means in or on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of school grounds.

**“Gun-Free School Zone” signs may be posted in cooperation with city and/or county officials as appropriate. Violations, unless otherwise excepted by law or this policy, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.**

Those individuals with a concealed weapons permit are asked to voluntarily comply with the intent of this policy and to not bring a weapon onto District property.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

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| ORS 161.015         | ORS 339.250            | OAR 581.021-0050 to -0075            |
| ORS 166.210-166.370 | <del>ORS 339.260</del> | OAR 581-053-0010(5)                  |
| ORS 166.382         | ORS 339.315            | OAR 581-053-0015(7)(k)               |
| ORS 332.107         | ORS 339.327            | <del>OAR 581-053-0545(4)(c)(w)</del> |
| ORS 339.115         | ORS 809.060            | <del>OAR 581-053-0550(5)(y)</del>    |
| ORS 339.240         | <del>ORS 809.260</del> | OAR 581-053-0330 (1) (r)             |
|                     |                        | OAR 581-053-0430 (17)                |
|                     |                        | OAR 581-053-0531 (16)                |
|                     |                        | OAR 581-053-0630                     |

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. Sections 921(a)(25), (26) and 922(q); ~~as amended by P.L. 104-208, Section 101(f)(1996) and P.L. 103-322, Section 320904 (1994).~~ (2006)  
Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1400-1427, as amended and renamed 17 (1997). ~~[P.L. 94-142 is a well-known “short” reference to this federal legislation.]~~  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC 1400-1427 (2006)  
Youth Handgun Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. Sections 922(x) and 924 (a)(6). (2006)  
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 7101-7117 (2006)

Cross Reference(s):

*JFCM-Threats of Violence*

*JGDA/JGEA-Discipline of Disabled Students  
JGDA/JGEA-Special Education-Discipline*