

Descriptor Term:
WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES PROHIBITED

Descriptor Code:
5.0270/7.4879

Legal References: G.S. 14-69.2, -269.2, -284.1; 20-17; 115C-288(g)

Cross References: 4.3600 Code of Student Conduct

The board of education is committed to providing a safe school environment that is free from violence, to the maximum extent possible. Employees, students, visitors and all other persons are prohibited from possessing, carrying, using or threatening to use, or encouraging another person to possess, carry, use or threaten to use, weapons or explosives on school property or while attending curricular or extracurricular activities sponsored by the school system. This policy applies to weapons or explosives carried openly or concealed.

Any employee who violates this policy will be subject to immediate termination.

Any visitor or other person who violates this policy will be escorted from the premises and/or school activity immediately.

The superintendent or principal shall immediately report any violations of this policy to law enforcement officials.

Any employee who is aware that a weapon or explosive is present on school property or at a school event shall immediately report this information to the principal or his/her designee or the school resource officer as appropriate.

Students who violate this policy are subject to discipline as provided in policy 4.3600 Code of Student Conduct.

A. WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES DEFINED

For purposes of this policy, a "weapon" includes, but is not limited to, any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind, any BB gun, stun gun, facsimile of a gun, ammunition, bows and/or arrows, mace, pepper spray, incendiary device, air rifle, air pistol, knife, bowie knife, ice pick, switchblade knife, machete, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, sword cane, blackjack, synthetic knuckles, numb chucks, razors and razor blades (except solely for personal shaving), box cutters, fireworks, any sharp-pointed or edged instrument (except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files, and clips and tools used solely for the preparation of food, instruction and/or maintenance on educational property) or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or dangerous instrument.

For purposes of this policy, an "explosive" includes, but is not limited to, any dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine or powerful explosive as defined in G.S. 14-284.1.

For purposes of this policy, a "powerful explosive" is defined in G.S. 14-284.1 and includes, but is not limited to, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene and blasting caps, detonators and fuses for the explosion thereof.

B. SCHOOL PROPERTY

For purposes of this policy, school property is any school building or bus, school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used or operated by the board of education.

C. EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not apply to:

1. a weapon or explosive used solely for educational or school-sanctioned ceremonial purposes, or used in a school-approved program conducted under the supervision of an adult whose supervision has been approved by the school authority; or
2. firefighters, emergency service personnel, North Carolina Forest Service personnel, and any public or private police employed by the school board, when acting in the discharge of their official duties.