

## **EBCE**

### **WEAPONS PROHIBITION**

The possession of weapons shall be prohibited in school facilities, on school property, on school buses, and at school functions at all times and by all persons except by authorized law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their professional capacity or individuals who have written permission from the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with RSA 193-D (Safe School Zones Act).

Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, explosives, incendiaries, martial arts weapons as defined by RSA 159:24, electronic defense weapons as defined by RSA 159:20, clubs, billies, metallic knuckles, knives including but not limited to kitchen knives, jackknives, switchblade knives, double-bladed knives, stiletto knives, swords, daggers, dirk knives, blades or sharps, razor blades and box cutters; or containers containing chemicals such as pepper gas or mace.

Likewise, objects fashioned to look enough like dangerous weapons that they could be mistaken for an actual weapon are subject to the same prohibition.

Persons violating this policy will be immediately directed to leave school premises, subject to enforcement by police if necessary. Staff members violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with other Board policies, state and local law, and collective bargaining agreements.

Student violations of this policy will result in both school disciplinary action and notification of the local police. Suspension or expulsion could result.

In addition, any student who is determined to have brought a firearm (as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921) to school will be expelled for not less than one year (365 days). This expulsion may be modified by the Superintendent of Schools upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law.

All students will receive written notice of this policy once each year.

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