

Policy #: 832

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEBSTER

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Policy Title: POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

No one shall possess, use, or store a weapon or look-alike weapon in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities, except as otherwise specifically provided. A dangerous weapon or look-alike weapon is defined by state statute to include, but not be limited to, guns, electric weapons, knives, metallic knuckles, martial arts equipment, or any other object which is capable of inflicting bodily harm, property damage, or which endangers the health and safety of students and staff. Ammunition and explosives are included within the weapons category.

Violation of this policy will be immediately reported to law enforcement or juvenile delinquency authorities as outlined in Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes. School personnel will confiscate dangerous weapons and a dangerous weapon(s) taken from a student will be reported to the student's parents/guardians. Any student violating this policy shall be subject to penalties outlined in the state law and referred for suspension or expulsion in accordance with state and federal law.

The building principal may allow weapons in the building for the following purposes:

- A. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel or by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school and the individual or an employer of the individual;
- B. Theatrical props used in appropriate settings of starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events.
- C. For the purpose of approved school activity, demonstration, education presentations, or safety classes. Approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal or person(s) designated by the principal, except during the actual demonstration or presentation.
- D. Weapons may only be used by school district employees for school-sanctioned purposes.

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Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

WISCONSIN STATUTES

- [Section 118.07](#) [school safety plans]
- [Section 118.31](#) [use of reasonable force to obtain weapon]
- [Section 120.13\(1\)](#) [school board power to set rules of conduct and discipline students; required student suspension and expulsion for firearm possession]
- [Section 175.60](#) [license to carry a concealed weapon]
- [Section 941.23](#) [carrying a concealed weapon]
- [Section 943.13](#) [criminal trespass law, includes provisions related to carrying firearms]
- [Section 948.60](#) [possession of dangerous weapon under 18 years of age]
- [Section 948.605](#) [gun-free schools zones]
- [Section 948.61](#) [dangerous weapons other than firearms on school premises]

FEDERAL LAWS

- [Gun-Free Schools Act](#) [student possession of firearms prohibited; student referral to law enforcement/juvenile justice system required in policy]
- [18 U.S.C Sec. 921\(a\)](#) [federal definition of "firearm" (including destructive devices) that is used within the Gun-Free Schools Act and within section 120.13(1)(c)(2m)]
- [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) [programs and services for students with disabilities, includes authority to order change of placement for weapons possession]