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4217 - **WEAPONS**

The Board prohibits support staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle, to the extent permitted by law.

Concealed Carry Permit Holders

Nothing in this policy prohibits an employee with a properly issued permit to carry a concealed weapon from exercising his/her rights consistent with Wisconsin's concealed carry law and the State and Federal gun free school zones laws. However, a staff member who is the holder of a concealed carry permit license issued or recognized by the State of Wisconsin may not, by virtue of Wis. Stat. 948.605(2)(b)1r, possess a concealed weapon anywhere in or on school grounds, including parking areas.

A staff member who is a concealed carry permit licensee may not carry a concealed weapon or otherwise store a weapon or ammunition in his or her personal vehicle while transporting students for school sponsored events or school-related purposes in his or her own vehicle. This does not apply to the transportation of students related by blood or marriage to the staff member if only such students are being transported.

Definition of "Weapon"

For this policy, the term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to firearms (including, but not limited to, firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)), guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), look-alike weapons, knives, (subject to the exceptions below), razors, with unguarded blades, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, [chemical agents](#), ammunition, and explosives.

Exceptions to this policy include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel while on duty, or off duty if there is an appropriate agreement between the District and the employer of the law enforcement personnel;
- B. items approved by a principal or District Administrator as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, including but not limited to hunters' education course, if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved (working firearms, except those protected at all times by a cable or trigger lock, and live ammunition shall never be approved);
- C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings;
- D. starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events; and
- E. a knife lawfully used for food consumption or preparation, or a knife used for a lawful purpose within the scope of the person's employment.

The District Administrator may refer a staff member who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The staff member may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as permitted by applicable Board policy and the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Any staff member who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this policy shall report to the school principal or their supervisor immediately. Failure to report such information may subject the staff member to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The staff member may also confront the person if the staff member believes the risk of injury to self or others is minimal or if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to any person.

This policy shall be published and distributed to staff members annually. Publication is not a precondition to enforcement of this policy.

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Legal	120.13(1), Wis. Stats.
	175.60, Wis. Stats.
	943.13, Wis. Stats.
	948.605, Wis. Stats.
	18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)
	18 U.S.C. 922
	20 U.S.C. 7151