

# WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS

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218.1. PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS	
1. Purpose	The district recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school environment is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.
2. Definitions SC 1301-A, 1317.2	<p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, explosive device, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting bodily injury and/or used with the intent to threaten or inflict bodily injury.</p> <p>Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while s/he is on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is on his/her way to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2 Pol. 218	The school district prohibits students from buying, selling, giving, receiving, transferring, possessing or using weapons and replicas of weapons while coming to or going from school (portal-to-portal), on school district property, on vehicles used for school transportation, and at any school-sponsored or school-affiliated event.
SC 1317.2	Specific exceptions to this policy may be made for replicas of weapons used in faculty supervised, school-sponsored activities (i.e., theatrical productions, athletic events, half-time shows of athletic events) or for swords used in the fencing club with the prior approval of the Superintendent and building level administration.
SC 1317.2 Pol. 233	<p><u>Expulsion</u></p> <p>The Board shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be in conformance with due process proceedings as required by law. The Superintendent may recommend modifications to such disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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<p>SC 1317.2 Title 22 Sec. 10.23 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 805.1</p>	<p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805, 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession of a weapon. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials and the district's emergency preparedness plan.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Reporting Of Offense(s)</u></p> <p>All cases of weapons possession shall be immediately orally reported to the student's principal and Superintendent, and if they are not available, to whomever is the next person in charge. Immediately thereafter, the relevant information pertaining to weapons possession shall be furnished in writing to the Superintendent and student's principal.</p> <p>The building principal shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2 Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.21 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report incidents involving weapons on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.25 Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving weapons as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p>

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<p>SC 1303-A Pol. 805.1</p>	<p>In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving possession of a weapon to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p><u>Transfer Students</u></p> <p>When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.</p>
<p>Pol. 216, 216.1</p>	<p><u>Records</u></p> <p>Records relating to expulsion for weapons possession will be maintained by the school district and will be forwarded to any other school entity in which the student seeks enrollment. Parental permission for transfer of these records is not required.</p>
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.23, 10.25, 403.1</p> <p>Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p> <p>Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300</p> <p>Board Policy – 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 218, 233, 805, 805.1</p>