
WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The board of education prohibits the possession and/or use of firearms, knives, other weapons, or instruments which can be used as weapons from school property, on a school bus, at any school function, or while enroute to or from school or any school function.

The principal shall make the final determination that a particular object is a dangerous instrument in any case where there is a question of its possession or use posing a threat to students, staff or property.

Firearms

Any pupil who commits an assault with a weapon or firearm, or who is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for possession of a firearm or a crime while armed with a firearm or found knowingly in possession of a firearm on any school property or on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function shall be subject to immediate suspension from school pending a hearing before the Board of Education. The hearing will be held within thirty days, during which time the student will remain on suspension. Any student found to be guilty of the alleged conduct is subject to removal from the regular school program for a minimum of one full year. The pupil is also subject to expulsion from school.

The Chief School Administrator may modify the length of the pupil's removal on a case-by-case basis. The Chief School Administrator shall determine at the end of the one-year suspension whether or not the student is prepared to return to the regular education program in accordance with procedures established by the Commissioner of Education.

Weapons Other Than Firearms

A student found or observed on school property or at a school event in possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument other than a firearm shall be reported to the principal/designee immediately. The principal shall immediately inform the chief school administrator/designee and appropriate law enforcement officials with all known information concerning the matter, including the identity of the pupil involved.

Disciplinary action shall be taken against students who possess, handle, transmit or use weapons or dangerous instruments. As in all disciplinary cases, due process will be provided.

A violence and vandalism report shall be filed whenever a student is found to be in possession of a firearm, other weapon, or dangerous instrument.

Remotely Activated Paging Devices (Beepers)

No student shall bring or possess a remotely activated paging device on any property used for school purposes without the written permission of the principal.

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60 et al.</u>	Disclosure of juvenile information; penalties for disclosure
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:33-18</u>	Remotely activated paging device; sale, lease or give to person under 18; exceptions; authorization by physician or surgeon or operator of legal commercial enterprise; violations; seizure and forfeiture
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19</u>	Bringing or possessing remotely activated paging device by student on property used for school purposes without express written permission of school board; disorderly persons offense
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1</u>	Definitions
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5</u>	Unlawful possession of weapons
<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6</u>	Exemptions
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1</u>	Corporal punishment of pupils
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19.2</u>	Student locker or other storage facility; inspections; notice to students
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1</u>	Submission of pupils to authority
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2</u>	Causes for suspension or expulsion of pupils
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:-37-2.1</u>	Assaults by pupil upon teacher, administrator, board member or employee ... suspension; expulsion hearings
<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:37-7 through -12</u>	Zero Tolerance for Guns Act
<u>N.J.A.C. 6:29-10.1 et seq.</u>	Safe and drug free schools
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C. 6:29-10.2, -10.4(b), -10.5</u>	

P.L. 103-382, Improving America's Schools Act of 1994

Section 1702, USPL 101-647 Prohibits possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone

Attorney General's Executive Directive No. 1988-1, Memorandum of Agreement (revised, amended)

State in Interest of T.L.O., 94 N.J. 331, 346 (1983), rev'd 105 S.Ct. 733 (1985)

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