

A. Definitions

1. Weapons: Weapons mean any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or death. Some examples of weapons are guns, knives, clubs, metal knuckles, nunchaku, throwing stars, explosives, stun guns, ammunition, and tear gas.
2. Toy or Imitation Weapons: Toy or imitation weapons include, but are not limited to: water guns, poppers, caps, non-working replicas or weapons and war souvenirs.

B. Exceptions

The District Administrator may allow weapons in the building for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to school. The District Administrator or designee shall secure the weapon except during the actual demonstration or presentation.

C. Situations

1. Law enforcement officials will be summoned to Richmond School in a situation involving a weapon that presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff and the administration shall attempt, if possible, without jeopardizing the safety of themselves or others, to diffuse and control the situation until law enforcement officials arrive.
2. Persons violating Board of Education policy shall be subject to:
 - a. Any student who possesses, uses, or stores a weapon on school property, on school buses, or at any school-related event may be suspended for up to 15 consecutive school days if a notice of expulsion is sent. Otherwise, a student may be suspended for up to five consecutive school days. Students may be suspended and/or expelled from school consistent with state and federal law requirements. Students shall be afforded due process before the implementation of disciplinary actions according to District's discipline, suspensions, and expulsions policy and procedures. Law enforcement officials shall be notified in all cases and the weapon will be confiscated.

Depending upon the facts and circumstances in each case, students who have any kind of toy weapon or imitation weapon on school grounds, on school buses, or at any school-sponsored function may be suspended from school and the police may be notified. If warranted, further consequences may include recommendation for expulsion.

- b. Employees violating board policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and agreements and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.
- c. Any other person violating Board of Education policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.