

# Cheatham County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Zero Tolerance Offenses</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.309</b>	Issued Date: <b>09/10/18</b>
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1 In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be tolerated:

## 2 **WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

3 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use, or attempt to use any dangerous weapon on school  
4 buses, on school property, or while on school sponsored outings.<sup>1</sup>

5 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to, a firearm or  
6 anything manifestly designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily  
7 injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious  
8 bodily injury.<sup>2</sup>

9 Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

### 10 *Firearms*<sup>3</sup>

11 In accordance with state law, any student who brings to school or is in unauthorized possession of a  
12 firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The  
13 Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case  
14 basis.<sup>4</sup>

## 15 **DRUGS**

16 In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug, including any controlled  
17 substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored  
18 event, shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The Director of Schools  
19 shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>4</sup>

## 20 **ASSAULT**

21 In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault<sup>5</sup> or commits assault that  
22 results in bodily injury<sup>6</sup> upon any teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the school,  
23 or school resource officer shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The  
24 Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case  
25 basis.<sup>4</sup>

## 1 ELECTRONIC THREATS

2 In accordance with state law, any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication  
3 containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and  
4 the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires  
5 administrative intervention shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The  
6 Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case  
7 basis.<sup>4</sup>

## 8 NOTIFICATION

9 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the  
10 student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by  
11 law.<sup>7</sup>

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### Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-1309(b)
2. TCA 39-11-106(a)(5)
3. 18 USCA § 921(a)(3); 20 USCA § 7961(b)(3)
4. TCA 49-6-4216(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)
5. TCA 39-13-102
6. TCA 39-13-101(a)(1); Public Acts 2018, Chapter No. 958
7. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312

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### Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300  
Drug-Free Schools 6.307  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316