

Students

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Governing Board desires students to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The board therefore prohibits students from possessing weapons, replicas of weapons, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school.

Any school employee may confiscate any weapon, dangerous instrument or replica from any person on school grounds under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public. Students possessing, exhibiting or threatening (brandishing) others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and expulsion in accordance with law.

Students also may be suspended if they threaten others or, disrupt school activities by exhibiting a replica of a weapon.

Zero Tolerance

State and federal law requires the Superintendent or designee to immediately suspend and recommend for expulsion any student who brings a firearm to school. Unless the Superintendent or designee finds that the particular circumstances of a case indicate that expulsion is inappropriate, the district shall take similar action when students knowingly bring any other weapons to school or participate in any fighting that inflicts serious bodily injury on another person. In addition to suspension and possible expulsion, these students shall be reported to law enforcement.

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Legal Reference:	<u>Education Code</u>
	35291 Governing Board to prescribe rules for the government and discipline of the schools
	48900 suspension or expulsion (grounds)
	48902 Notification of law-enforcement authorities
	48915 Required recommendation for expulsions
	48916 Readmission
	49330 Injurious object
	49331 Removal from possession of pupil by designated employee
	49332 Notification of parent or guardian, retention of object by school personnel; release
	49333 Return of object
	49334 Injurious objects: notification to law enforcement
	<u>Penal Code</u>
	245 Assault with deadly weapon
	411.2 Imitation firearms
	417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting
	626.9 Gun-Free -School Zone Act of 1995
	626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception
12020-12028.5	Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons
	12403.7 Weapons approved for self-defense
	12403.8 Minors 16 or over; tear gas and tear gas weapons
	<u>United States Code, Title 20</u>
16301-8962	Improving America's Schools Act, especially:
8921-8922	Gun-Free schools Act of 1994.

NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, and any device capable of chemically propelling a projectile.
2. Cutting and puncturing devices: dirks, daggers, knives with blades longer than three and one-half inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, or razors with an unguarded blade.
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: firecrackers, pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices.

Any school employee may confiscate any of the above devices and any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, especially those defined in Penal Code 12020, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon. A school employee confiscating any weapon or dangerous instrument shall deliver it to the building principal immediately.

The employee may first contact the local law enforcement agency concerning student possession of any weapon or dangerous device.

If an employee knows that a student possesses a weapon or dangerous device which has not been confiscated, the employee shall report the matter to the principal immediately, and the principal shall take appropriate action.

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.

In accordance with law, the principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities with regard to the seizure or possession of any firearm, taser, stun gun, or any cutting or puncturing device identified in #2 above. (Education code 48902)

The principal or designee may notify law enforcement authorities regarding the seizure or possession of other dangerous devices.

The principal shall take disciplinary action which he/she determines proper in accordance with Board policies and regulations.

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The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

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