

WEAPONS

The board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

It shall be the policy of the Wakefield Community Schools to undertake all reasonable efforts to prohibit the unlawful possession, the knowing and intentional selling, attempting to sell, providing, loaning, delivering or transferring of the possession of a firearm or other weapon in a school building, on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event unless authorized by the school administration. A student shall not knowingly possess, handle or transmit any firearm or other object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon. This shall include firearms, knives, bows, or other instruments capable of or intended to be used as a weapon and other dangerous objects or look-a-likes.

Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Further, nothing in this policy shall be construed to require school action or intervention when a firearm is lawfully possessed by a person receiving instruction under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor. This policy shall also not apply to firearms contained within a private vehicle operated by a non-student adult when the firearm is not loaded, is in a closed case and is either in a locked firearm rack in a motor vehicle or in a case that is especially made for the purposes of storing or transporting a firearm.

Any unlawful use or possession of a firearm or weapon, as described in this policy and as described by Nebraska Legislative Bill LB658, shall be reported to an appropriate law enforcement officer.

Any student conduct in violation of the above firearms/weapons policy shall constitute grounds for expulsion by the administration or as otherwise authorized by law. The superintendent may modify this requirement on a case-by-case basis. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prevent the district from carrying out other regular disciplinary procedures, in addition to those set out above, as have been adopted by the Board of Education.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials shall be exempt from this policy. The principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects or look-a-likes for educational purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from this policy.

Legal Reference: Neb Statute 79-263
 Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.
 18 U.S.C. § 921 (1994).
 McClain v. Lafayette County Bd. of Education, 673 F.2d
 106 (5th Cir. 1982).

Cross Reference: 504.01 Student Due Process
 505 Student Discipline
 508 Student Health and Well-Being

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