

Administrative Procedure 338

WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Background

The Division recognizes its educational and societal responsibility to prohibit students from bringing weapons, explosives or other dangerous instruments or materials to school.

A weapon is defined as any instrument designed to inflict injury or intimidate another person, or any instrument that is used in this manner.

It shall be the responsibility of the principal to confiscate any dangerous items brought to the school.

Dangerous weapons brought into a school for the purposes of an organized activity such as Hunter Safety shall not be regulated by this section of this Administrative Procedure.

Procedures

1. Dangerous items that have been seized shall either, be turned over to the police or returned to parents/guardians.
2. A partial list of dangerous items specifically excluded from schools includes: rifles, pistols, pellet and cap guns, knives including small pocket knives, dynamite, fireworks, firecrackers as well as chemical or biological irritants (pepper spray, etc.) and laser pointers.
3. Where a school administrator reasonably believes that a person on school premises is in possession of a weapon or has used a weapon, that administrator shall:
 - 3.1 Immediately notify the Director,
 - 3.2 Make reasonable attempts to minimize risk of injury to any person,
 - 3.3 Ensure that the weapon and/or person involved is removed from school premises as quickly as is prudent,
 - 3.4 Contact parent/guardian; and explain the disciplinary process as soon as possible,
 - 3.5 Immediately notify the police if it is in the best interests of the student and the school.

Reference: Section 91, 191, *The Education Act, 1995*

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