

## POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS

- I. No one shall possess, use, or store a weapon or look-alike weapon in or on school property, on school vehicles, or at school-related activities. A dangerous weapon or look-a-like weapon may include any object which, by the manner in which it is used or intended to be used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm or could appear to be capable of inflicting bodily harm or endangering the health and safety of students or staff. Ammunition and explosives are included within the weapons category.
- II. Individuals who violate this policy are subject to discipline and possible legal consequences. Weapon(s) or look-alike weapon(s) confiscated from a student shall be reported to parents/guardians, to law enforcement authorities, and the Superintendent. Disciplinary measures may include immediate suspension and referral to the Board for expulsion from school as determined by the Superintendent. Students possessing a firearm shall be brought to the School Board for possible expulsion of not less than one year.
- III. Policy exceptions include:
  - A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel;
  - B. weapons properly registered and handled during the community use of school facilities;
  - C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings;
  - D. starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events;
  - E. items pre-approved by the school principal as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision. (Firearms and ammunition will never be approved as part of a presentation.)

Legal reference:  
Sections 120.13(1), 120.44, 939.22(10), 948.60, 948.605, 948.61, Wis. Stats.  
Gun-free Schools Act

Cross reference:  
Board Policy 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us