

WEAPONS ON OR NEAR SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT SCHOOL-RELATED EVENTS

- 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-alike weapon is defined in State statutes and 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 pretend 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. A minor who violates this policy is subject to the provisions out lined in Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Weapon(s) or look-alike weapon(s) confiscated from a student shall be reported to parents/guardians and to law enforcement authorities and the student is subject to disciplinary measures outlined in Board Policy 5772.
- III. The Board of Education believes that student, staff, and visitor safety is of the highest priority. Wisconsin has adopted a law which affects the manner in which persons may carry concealed weapons. This law applies much differently on school grounds and surrounding area. Let it be known that it is a Class I felony to knowingly possess a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is in or on the grounds of a school. It is a Class B forfeiture to possess a firearm at a place the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school.
- IV. According to State Statute, an individual may possess a firearm in or on school grounds only under the following circumstances:
 - A. The firearm is not loaded and is encased or in a locked firearms rack that is on a motor vehicle.
 - B. By a state-certified commission warden acting in his or her official capacity.
 - C. By a person legally hunting in a school forest if the School Board has decided that hunting may be allowed in the school forest.
- V. Also, under State Statute, an individual may possess a firearm in or on the grounds of a school or within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school in accordance with any of the following provisions of state and federal law:
 - A. On private property that is not part of school grounds.
 - B. For use in a program approved by the District on school grounds.

- C. In accordance with a contract entered into between the District in the school grounds and the individual or an employer of the individual.
 - D. The lawful possession of an agency-authorized firearm or other weapon by a law enforcement officer or as a state-certified commission warden who is acting in his/her official capacity.
 - E. The possession of a properly-licensed firearm by any qualified retired or off-duty law enforcement officer, provided that the individual meets all applicable conditions specified in the state and federal gun-free school zone laws and notifies the principal.
 - F. The firearm is unloaded and is possessed by an individual while traversing school premises for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting, if the entry on the school premises is authorized by District authorities.
- VI. No District employee, substitute employee, or volunteer shall possess a weapon on school property or at school-sponsored events, except under Section IV.A. of this policy.
- VII. Any questions about this policy should be directed to the Superintendent or Building Principal.

Legal References:

Sections 118.07, 118.31, 120.13(1), 175.60, 941.23, 943.13, 948.60, 948.605, 948.61, Wis. Stats.
Gun-Free Schools Act
18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a) Federal Law
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Cross References:

Board Policy 5772 – Possession or Use of Weapons

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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