

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

TITLE: WEAPONS

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| 218.1. WEAPONS | |
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| 1. Purpose | The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law. |
| 2. Definitions SC 1317.2 | <p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while on Intermediate Unit property, on property being used by the Intermediate Unit, at any Intermediate Unit function or activity, at any Intermediate Unit event held away from the Intermediate Unit, or while the student is coming to or from the site of an Intermediate Unit program.</p> |
| 3. Authority SC 1317.2 | The Intermediate Unit 1 Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any Intermediate Unit 1 operated classroom building, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public conveyance providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity. |
| SC 1317.2 Pol. 233 | The Intermediate Unit shall expel, from participation in Intermediate Unit programs, for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Executive Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. |
| 4. Delegation of Responsibility P.L. 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq | The Executive Director will report any violations to this weapons policy to the student's home school district's Superintendent. The student will be subject to the weapons policy of the home school district as well. |

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| <p>SC 1317.2</p> <p>SC 1317.2</p> <p>SC 1303-A</p> <p>SC 1303-A</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1317.2</p> <p>School Code 1303-A, 1317.2</p> <p>Public Law 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq</p> <p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p> <p>Board Policy 233</p> | <p>In the case of an exceptional student, the Executive Director, in cooperation with the student's home school district administrators shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Act and Chapter 14 of the Pennsylvania School Code.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians and to local law enforcement officials.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon to the Department of Education.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee may take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.</p> <p>Acts of violence or possession of a weapon in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p> <p>Students, staff and parents/guardians shall be informed at least annually concerning this policy.</p> <p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Executive Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> <p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</p> |
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