

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board Policy Manual**

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**WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

The Dodgeland School District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all employees, students and visitors on school premises or when attending school-supervised activities. As part of this commitment, the District prohibits the possession or use of weapons at all times on school premises, including in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the District and in school-provided transportation, and at activities under school supervision, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy.

A weapon is defined as any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under [section 948.61](#) of the state statutes). A look-a-like weapon may also be considered as a weapon under this policy if it is possessed or used in a manner that is intended to alarm, intimidate or threaten another person.

The following are exceptions to the prohibition of weapon use or possession:

- This prohibition does not apply where state law prohibits a school district from restricting any individual's right to possess a firearm or other weapon in a location covered by this policy. This includes law enforcement officers or military personnel who may possess a firearm or other weapon on school premises in the line of duty. Individuals 21 years of age or older licensed to carry a concealed weapon may possess or store an authorized handgun that is unloaded and encased in their motor vehicle parked on school grounds.
- The building principal may allow a weapon on school premises for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal except during the actual demonstration or presentation when the weapon shall be used only under adult supervision.

Law enforcement officials shall be contacted to help deal with a weapons situation which presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff shall attempt to diffuse and control the situation in the safest manner possible until law enforcement officials can be summoned. Appropriate information and training shall be provided to staff in dealing with weapons situations in accordance with the school safety plan.

Students who violate this policy shall be suspended from school, and referred to local law enforcement officials for prosecution under state criminal laws. Based on the nature of the violation a student may be referred to the Board for expulsion. The parents/guardians of students who violate this policy shall be notified in all cases.

A student who possesses a firearm while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority shall be expelled from school for not less than one year as required by state and federal law. The Board may modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.

Employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment in accordance with the employee handbook and Board policy. Employee violators shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable state laws and/or local ordinances.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable state laws and/or local ordinances.

