

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY	POLICY: 443.6
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Weapons in School

No person shall possess, use, or store firearms or weapons or any facsimile or look-alike firearms or weapons in school buildings, on school property, in district owned or sanctioned vehicles, in school buses, or at any school-sponsored function or event. A **firearm** is defined as any device capable of firing a projectile able to produce physical injury. This includes, but is not limited to, BB guns, pellet guns, and slingshots. A **weapon** is defined as (1) any device which by its **design** can produce injury (including, but not limited to, knives, blades, martial arts devices, and metal knuckles) or (2) any device when **used** as a weapon (including, but not limited to, letter openers, hammers, chains, and wrenches). These definitions are in addition to those set forth in Section 921 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code.

Any student who is found in violation of this policy shall be referred immediately to the local and/or county criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system and shall be immediately suspended and then expelled from school, in accordance with state and federal laws and other Board policies, for a period of not less than one calendar year unless the District Administrator modifies the expulsion requirement, which may be considered on a case-by-case basis based upon state and federal laws.

Local and/or county law enforcement officers will be summoned to the schools in a situation involving a firearm or weapon which presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff and administration shall attempt to diffuse and control the situation until law enforcement officials can be summoned. Any firearms or weapons confiscated as part of this policy shall be turned over to local, county and/or federal law enforcement.

The district administrator and/or his/her designee shall collect and submit to the State Education Agency (SEA) a description of the circumstances surrounding the implementation of this policy and any actions and/or expulsions imposed.

Any employee or person visiting, attending school functions, or doing business with the schools shall be required to adhere to this policy. If violation is suspected or determined, school officials will intervene as appropriate and local and/or county law enforcement will be immediately summoned. Violations of this policy will be recommended for prosecution. Employees who violate this policy will also be subject to employment disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination in accordance with the current employee agreement or other procedures established by the Board.

This policy does not apply to law enforcement officers discharging their official duties, persons using starter pistols or theatrical props which have been pre-approved by appropriate school

personnel, and persons possessing, using, or storing firearms or weapons which are part of school-approved curricular or co-curricular activities.

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