DANGEROUS WEAPONS

The District, in conjunction with State and Federal laws, prohibits students, school employees or other individuals with the exception of law enforcement personnel from bringing a dangerous weapon to any school premise, school vehicle, building used for school purposes or to school sponsored activities unless specifically authorized by this policy.

Dangerous weapon is defined as: firearm, air gun or other device, product or substance that is designed or intended to inflict bodily harm.

The District shall take appropriate action when a dangerous weapon is discovered. The dangerous weapon shall be confiscated and the incident shall be reported to law enforcement and the Board. The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of the incident in a timely manner. A student who brings a dangerous weapon to any school premise, school vehicle, building used for school purposes or to school sponsored activity shall be expelled for not less than twelve (12) months. The superintendent shall handle the discipline and student expulsion related to the violation of this policy on a case by case basis depending on the weapon and its intended use. Expulsion of special needs students shall be consistent with the guidance and regulations for IDEA and Section 504.

Exceptions to the above is limited to weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, starting guns while being used at athletic events, gun shows and supervised youth hunter training sessions.

Ref: Improving America's Schools Act of 1994. P.L. 103-382 Gun Free Schools Act of 1994