

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Board prohibits possession and/or use of firearms, other weapons, and/or instruments which can be used as weapons from school property, on a school bus, at any school function, or while en route to or from school or any school function.

For the purpose of this policy, “weapon” includes but is not limited to those items enumerated in NJSA 2C:39-1r. The principal shall make the final determination that a particular object is a dangerous instrument in any case where there is a question of its possession or use posing a threat to students, staff, or property.

Any pupil convicted or adjudicated delinquent for possession of a firearm, or a crime while armed with a firearm, or found knowingly in possession of a firearm on any school property, on a school bus, or at a school-based function shall be removed immediately from the school’s regular education program pending a hearing before the Board to remove the pupil from the regular education program for a period of not less than one calendar year. The principal (or his/her designee) shall be responsible for the removal of such pupil and shall immediately report the removal to the superintendent. The superintendent may modify a pupil’s removal on a case-by-case basis. The principal also shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of a possible violation of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice.

A student found or observed on school property or at a school event in possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument other than a firearm shall be reported to the principal/designee immediately. The principal immediately shall provide the superintendent/designee and appropriate law enforcement officials with all known information concerning the matter, including the identity of the pupil involved.

The superintendent shall determine at the end of the year whether the student is prepared to return to the regular education program in accordance with procedures established by the commissioner of education.

Disciplinary action shall be taken against students who possess, handle, transmit, or use firearms, other weapons, or dangerous instruments. Classified students shall be disciplined in accordance with their IEP and in compliance with law and administrative code.

As in all disciplinary cases, due process will be provided.

A violence and vandalism report shall be filed whenever a student is found to be in possession of a firearm, other weapon, or dangerous instrument.