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SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINAL READING/POLICY REVIEW

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Copy of Weapons
Code	218.1
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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.

Definitions

Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, razor/razor blades, metal knuckles, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; and under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.

Authority

The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school district buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

The Board shall expel 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 and Board policy. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.[\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

In the case of a student with disabilities, the district shall take all steps required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Board policy.[\[2\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning weapons on school property. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.[\[7\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and inform the student's parent/guardian. [2][7]

The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation. [2][8]

Guidelines

The building principal shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.

An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or administrative regulations to be followed. [2]

Transfer Students

When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period. [2]

Legal	1. 24 P.S. 1301-A
	2. 24 P.S. 1317.2
	3. Pol. 218
	4. Pol. 233
	5. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
	6. Pol. 113.1
	7. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
	8. 24 P.S. 1303-A
	18 Pa. C.S.A. 912
	18 U.S.C. 921
	18 U.S.C. 922
	20 U.S.C. 7114
	20 U.S.C. 7151
	22 PA Code 403.1
	34 CFR Part 300

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