

MENOMINEE INDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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STUDENTS/NON-STUDENTS WEAPONS

It is the policy of the Menominee Indian School District to maintain a positive, safe, secure learning and working environment.

No student, district employee or other person shall use, possess, transmit or store a weapon (as defined in the administrative rule implementing this policy, or other instrument that has the appearance and/or the intended purpose of a weapon, at any time in school buildings and other facilities owned, leased or controlled by the District, on school premises, in school buses and other vehicles owned or leased by the District, at any school-sponsored activity (including field trips), or within any other school environment, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy. Students shall be prohibited from possessing pepper spray or similar substances. In addition, there shall be no hunting in the Menominee Indian School District forest. Even though Wisconsin has enacted a concealed carry law, the right to carry a concealed firearm or other weapon, even though legally obtained, does not apply to employees, students, visitors, contractors or any other persons when on the property of the District.

The following are exceptions to the policy prohibitions:

- The prohibitions do 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 (e.g., law enforcement officers possessing a firearm or other weapon on school grounds in the line of duty.)
- Weapons may be allowed on school premises for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations with approval of the Building Principal in consultation with the District Administrator (District approval).
- Firearms may be allowed for District-approved firearm safety classes and activities conducted on school property. The person(s) conducting the firearm safety class or activity will assume responsibility for the

safe handling and care of the firearms, and see to it that all firearms are removed from the premises promptly after the class.

- Weapons maybe used and possessed by a ceremonial color guard with District approval.
- Starter guns and other weapons may be possessed and used at school-sponsored events with District approval.
- Possession of other weapons maybe permitted but only with prior written permission of the Building Principal and consistent with applicable legal requirements.

This policy is not meant to interfere with instruction or use of appropriate equipment and tools by employees and students. Such equipment, when properly used and stored, shall not be considered a weapon for purposes of this policy. However, when authorized instructional and work equipment tools are used in a potentially dangerous or threatening manner, the guidelines and consequences of this policy will take effect.

Anyone found to be in violation of this policy is subject to school disciplinary action and/or legal referral.

The District Administrator or designee shall determine the appropriate means of informing students, employees, and the public of this policy, including any specific notice(s) that are required under applicable law.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 29.39(1) (a) Wisconsin Statutes
 118.07
 118.31
 120.13(1)and (38)
 175.60
 941.23
 941.26(4)
 943.13
 948.60
 948.605
 948.61

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Federal Gun-Free Schools Act
18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a)
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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