The board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and look-alikes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises, or property within the jurisdiction of the school district. For purposes of this policy, the term "weapons and other dangerous objects and look-alikes" shall include any instrument designed or intended to be used in either offensive or defensive combat.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons, or dangerous objects and look-alikes. Weapons and other dangerous objects or look-alikes shall be taken from students who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

The school district shall notify parents when students are found to possess a weapon or dangerous objects or look-alikes on school property. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects and look-alikes shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing a firearm or possessing a firearm at school shall be expelled for not less than twelve months. The Superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or
silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, or similar device.

The principal may allow authorized students to display weapons or other potentially dangerous objects and look-alikes for educational purposes with prior administrative approval. Such a display shall be exempt from this policy. Procedures are outlined in the student/parent handbook.

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