

Guns and Firearms - Students:

Any student who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code into/in a safe school zone as defined in RSA 193-D:1 without written authorization from the Executive Director or designee shall be expelled from school by the Board of Trustees for a period of not less than 12 months. This expulsion may be modified by the Executive Director upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law.

Pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free School Act, the Board of Trustees requires the Executive Director to contact local law enforcement authorities and/or the Division of Children and Youth Services and notify them of any student who brings a firearm or weapon onto school property. Local law enforcement authorities will be notified of any student who brings ammunition to a safe school zone.

All students will receive written notice of this policy at least once each school year.

Other Weapons:

For the purposes of this policy, “weapon” includes but is not limited to: slingshot, metallic knuckles, billies, knives, electric defense weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), aerosol self-defense spray weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), and martial arts weapons (as defined in RSA 159:24).

“Weapon” is further defined as any device, instrument, material, or substance which is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used that is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Weapons are not permitted in school buildings, on school property, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities. This policy applies to students and members of the public alike.

Violations of this policy could result in both school disciplinary action and notification of local law enforcement authorities.

Members of the public who violate this policy may be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

General:

The Executive Director or other building administrator may exercise their best judgment in determining the scope of this policy as it relates to inadvertent or unintentional violations of this policy by adults, provided such inadvertent or unintentional violation of this policy does not affect the safety of students, school staff, or the public. For example, discovery of unattended guns, firearms, other weapons, or ammunition will be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

Legal References:

18 U.S.C. § 921, Et seq., Firearms

20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act RSA 193:11,
Disturbance

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Students

NH Code Of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317, Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Including Procedures Ensuring Due Process

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