

Board Policy 3331: Weapons at School

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Gun-Free Schools

A student who uses, possesses, controls, or transfers a firearm, or any object that can reasonably be considered to be or look like a firearm, shall be expelled for at least one calendar year. The Board, however, may modify the expulsion period on a case-by-case basis. The building administrator shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of any student who brings a firearm to school.

If a student violating this policy has a disability, either under the IDEA or Section 504, a determination must be made whether the student's conduct is related to the disability. If the violation of the policy is due to a disability recognized by the IDEA or Section 504, lawful procedures for changes in placement must be followed.

Any student subject to an expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board, in accordance with Idaho Code and Board policy.

Possession of a Weapon on School Property – Misdemeanor

No person shall possess a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon while on school property or in those portions of any building, stadium, or other structure on school grounds which, at the time of the violation, are being used for an activity sponsored by or through a school in this State or while riding school provided transportation. This also applies to students of schools while attending or participating in any school sponsored activity, program, or event regardless of location.

As used in this section of this policy only:

1. "Deadly or dangerous weapon" means any weapon as defined in United States Code. This term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2½ inches in length. and
2. "Firearm" means any firearm as defined in United States Code.

Any person who possesses, carries, or stores a weapon in a school building or on school property, except as provided below, shall be referred to law enforcement for immediate prosecution, as well as face disciplinary action by the District.

The Board may grant persons and entities advance permission to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building. All persons who wish to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building

shall present this request to the Board in a regular meeting. It is solely within the Board's discretion whether to allow a person to possess carry or store a weapon in a school building.

This section of this policy does not apply to:

1. Law enforcement personnel;
2. Any adult over 18 years of age and not enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school who has lawful possession of a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon, secured and locked in their vehicle in an unobtrusive, non-threatening manner;
3. A person who lawfully possesses a firearm or other deadly or dangerous weapon in a private vehicle while delivering minor children, students, or school employees to and from school or a school activity; or
4. A person or an employee of the school or District who is authorized to carry a firearm with the permission of the Board of Trustees.

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Legal References

Description

18 USC § 921

Firearms - Definitions

18 USC § 930

Possession of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons in Federal Facilities

20 USC § 7961

Gun-Free Requirements

29 USC § 701, et seq.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

IC § 18-3302D

Possessing Weapons or Firearms on School Property

IC § 18-3302I

Threatening Violence on School Grounds

IC § 33-1224

Powers and Duties of Teachers

IC § 33-205

Denial of School Attendance

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Special Education

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Safe Environment and Discipline