

## WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The possession or use of a dangerous weapon or a look-alike weapon in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school-sponsored activities is prohibited.

A dangerous or look-alike weapon is any object that by its design and/or use can cause bodily injury or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, ammunition, explosives, knives, razors, karate sticks, nonchaku, metal knuckles, chains and similar items.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to the penalties outlined in state law and suspended and/or expelled from school in accordance with state and federal law. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and law enforcement officials shall be notified in all cases and the weapon shall be confiscated.

In the event an EEN student brings a weapon to school, the school district may elect to follow procedures outlined in PI 11.13 (4) (5).

Any employee violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and agreements and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Exceptions

1. This policy does not apply to law enforcement officers discharging their official duties or military personnel who are armed in the line of duty.
2. The building principal may allow weapons in the building for purposes of demonstration, educational presentations or safety classes. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the building principal or person(s) designated by the building principal, except during the actual demonstration or presentation.
3. Archery equipment for physical education classes shall be permitted and must be used only under the supervision of the physical education teacher.

4. The use of guns, bows and arrows and knives shall be authorized at the school forest only during legal deer gun/bow hunting seasons and in accordance with state statutes on hunting.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 101.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes  
                  120.13(1)  
                  948.60  
                  948.61  
                  Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994

CROSS REF.: 447.3, Student Suspensions/Expulsions  
                  West Salem Education Association Contract  
                  West Salem School Employees Association  
                  Contract

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