

**443.6
WEAPONS**

Policy: It is the goal of the School District of Whitefish Bay to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions. To aid in reaching that goal, the District shall strictly enforce a policy that no person age 20 or less shall possess, use, or threaten use of a weapon, or a look-alike weapon on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event; and that no person age 21 or more shall use or threaten use of a weapon, or a look-alike weapon, on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event.

Definition: A weapon is defined as a firearm (loaded or unloaded), knife, razor, chemical irritant including pepper spray, martial arts device, explosive device, metal knuckle or any other object which, by the manner in which it is used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm. A look-alike weapon is defined as a toy gun, non-working replica of a weapon, cap gun, starter pistol, or any other object which could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon regardless of whether it is manufactured for that purpose.

Violations: (a) Persons age 20 or less: A Whitefish Bay school student who violates this policy (no person shall possess, use, or threaten use of a weapon, or a look-alike weapon, on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event) shall be subject to school disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with state and federal laws and Board policies. Disciplinary measures taken will be the responsibility of the building principal. Circumstances involving a policy violation, including the age of the student, will be taken into consideration when disciplinary action is being determined. Weapons will be confiscated by the District. A weapon taken from a Whitefish Bay school student will be reported to the student's parents/guardians. The building principal may also report confiscation of a weapon to the police. A violator age 20 or less who is not a student in Whitefish Bay Schools will be subject to appropriate response by the District which may include referral to law enforcement officials.

(b) Persons age 21 or more: A person age 21 or more who uses or threatens use of a weapon or look-alike weapon on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event will be subject to appropriate response by the District which may include referral to law enforcement officials.

(c) All persons: All persons are prohibited by state law from possessing a firearm on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, at any school-related event, or within 1,000 feet from the grounds of the school. A student who possesses a firearm while at school or under the supervision of a school authority shall be expelled from school for not less than one year.

(d) Exceptional Education Students: A student with exceptional educational needs who violates this policy shall be removed from school and placed in an interim alternative educational setting in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state regulations while the case is proceeding in the District.

(e) The guidelines for students outlined in the attached rule for grades K-5 and 6-12 shall be considered before administrative action. The list of weapons is illustrative only and is not intended to be an inclusive listing of all weapons or look-alike weapons as defined in this policy. In all cases, administrative discretion will be used after reviewing the circumstances of the incident and these guidelines. Action other than that suggested in the guidelines may be recommended dependent upon the actual facts surrounding the incident.

Exceptions: The following are policy exceptions:

(a) Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel; and

(b) Weapons authorized by the building principal that must be handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education.

Dissemination: This policy shall be published annually in all District student and staff handbooks and in the local newspaper.

Adoption Date	-	6/12/96; 8/5/98
Legal Reference	-	Sections 120.13(1)(bm), 2m; 939.22(10);

Cross Reference

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941.235; 948.60; 948.605; 948.61; Chapter 44;
Chapter 48; Wis. Stats.; PI 11.13; Wis. Act 17
(1991); Wis. Act 18 (1991); 1995 Wis. Act 75; 18
USC 921(a)(3); 20 USC 3351; Individuals with
Disabilities Education Act
Student Handbooks
Employee Negotiated Agreements