

1 The Board will not tolerate the presence of weapons or destructive devices, bomb or terrorist
2 threats, or actions that constitute a clear threat to the safety of students or employees. Any
3 student who violates this policy will be removed from the classroom or school environment for
4 as long as is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment for learning.

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6 **A. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR**

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8 **1. Weapons and Weapon-Like Items**

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10 Students are prohibited from possessing, handling, using or transmitting, whether
11 concealed or open, any weapon or any instrument that reasonably looks like a
12 weapon or could be used as a weapon. Weapons include all of the following:

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14 a. Loaded and unloaded firearms, including guns, pistols, and rifles;
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16 b. Destructive devices as described in subsection B.2 of this policy, including
17 explosives, such as dynamite cartridges, bombs, grenades, and mines;
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19 c. Knives, including pocket knives, bowie knives, switchblades, dirks, and
20 daggers;
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22 d. Slingshots and slungshots;
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24 e. Leaded canes;
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26 f. Blackjacks;
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28 g. Metal knuckles;
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30 h. BB guns;
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32 i. Air rifles and air pistols;
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34 j. Stun guns and other electric shock weapons, such as tasers;
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36 k. Icepicks;
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38 l. Razors and razor blades (except those designed and used solely for
39 personal shaving);
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41 m. Fireworks; and,
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43 n. Any sharp pointed or edged instruments except unaltered nail files and

44 clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and
45 maintenance.

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47 Examples of other objects that may be considered weapons are box cutters and
48 other types of utility blades and blowguns.

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50 No student may knowingly or willfully cause, encourage, or aid another student to
51 possess, handle, or use any of the weapons or weapon-like items listed above. A
52 student who finds a weapon or weapon-like item, who witnesses another student
53 or other person with such an item, or who becomes aware that another student or
54 other person intends to possess, handle, or use such an item must notify a teacher
55 or the principal immediately.

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57 This section does not apply to Board-approved and Board-authorized activities for
58 which the Board has adopted appropriate safeguards to protect student safety.

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60 2. **Bomb Threats**

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62 Students are prohibited from making, aiding, and/or abetting in making a bomb
63 threat or perpetrating a bomb hoax against school system property by making a
64 false report that a device designed to cause damage or destruction by explosion,
65 blasting, or burning is located on school property.

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67 No student may knowingly or willfully cause, encourage, or aid another student to
68 make a bomb threat or perpetrate a bomb hoax. Any student who becomes aware
69 that another student or other person intends to use a bomb, make a bomb threat, or
70 perpetrate a bomb hoax must notify a teacher or the principal immediately.

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72 3. **Terrorist Threats**

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74 Students are prohibited from making, aiding, conspiring, and/or abetting in
75 making a terrorist threat or perpetrating a terrorist hoax against school system
76 property by making a false report that a device, substance, or material designed to
77 cause harmful or life-threatening injury to another person is located on school
78 property.

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80 No student may knowingly or willfully cause, encourage, or aid another student to
81 make a terrorist threat or perpetrate a terrorist hoax. Any student who becomes
82 aware that another student or other person intends to use a device, substance, or
83 material designed to cause harmful or life-threatening illness or injury to another
84 person, make a terrorist threat, or perpetrate a terrorist hoax must notify a teacher
85 or the principal immediately.

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87 4. **Clear Threats to Student and Employee Safety**
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89 Students are prohibited from engaging in behavior that constitutes a clear threat to
90 the safety of other students or employees. Behavior constituting a clear threat to
91 the safety of others includes, but is not limited to:

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- 93 a. Theft or attempted theft by a student from another person by using or
94 threatening to use a weapon;
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 - 96 b. The intentional and malicious burning of any structure or personal
97 property, including any vehicle;
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 - 99 c. An attack or threatened attack by a student against another person wherein
100 the student uses a weapon or displays a weapon in a manner found
101 threatening to that person;
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 - 103 d. An attack by a student on any employee, adult volunteer, or other student
104 that does not result in serious injury but that is intended to cause or
105 reasonably could cause serious injury;
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 - 107 e. An attack by a student on another person whereby the victim suffers
108 obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury, such as broken bones, loss of
109 teeth, possible internal injuries, laceration requiring stitches, loss of
110 consciousness, or significant bruising or pain; or whereby the victim
111 requires hospitalization or treatment in a hospital emergency room as a
112 result of the attack;
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 - 114 f. Any intentional, highly reckless, or negligent act that results in the death
115 of another person;
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 - 117 g. Confining, restraining, or removing another person from one place to
118 another, without the victim's consent or the consent of the victim's parent,
119 for the purpose of committing a felony or for the purpose of holding the
120 victim as a hostage, for ransom, or for use as a shield;
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 - 122 h. The possession of a weapon on any school property, including in a
123 vehicle, with the intent to use or transmit for another's use or possession in
124 a reckless manner so that harm is reasonably foreseeable;
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 - 126 i. Taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or
127 control of another person or persons, by force, threat of force, or violence,
128 or by putting the victim in fear;
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- 130 j. Any unauthorized and unwanted intentional touching, or attempt to touch,
131 by one person of the sex organ of another, including the breasts of the
132 female and the genital areas of the male and female;
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134 k. The possession, manufacture, sale or delivery, or any attempted sale or
135 delivery, of a controlled substance in violation of Chapter 90 of the North
136 Carolina General Statutes;
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138 l. Any behavior resulting in a felony conviction on a weapons, drug, assault
139 or, other charge that implicates the safety of other persons; and,
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141 m. Any other behavior that demonstrates a clear threat to the safety of others
142 in the school environment.
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144 **B. CONSEQUENCES**

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146 **1. General Consequences**
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148 The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy shall be consistent
149 with Policy JFC, "Student Conduct/Discipline." The superintendent or designee
150 shall list in the Code of Student Conduct the specific range of consequences that
151 may be imposed on a student for violations of this policy.
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153 **2. Specific Consequences Mandated by Law**
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155 As required by law, a student who brings or possesses a firearm or destructive
156 device on school property or at a school-sponsored event must be suspended for
157 365 days, unless the superintendent modifies, in writing, the required 365-day
158 suspension for an individual student on a case-by-case basis. The superintendent
159 shall not impose a 365-day suspension if the superintendent determines that the
160 student (1) took or received the firearm or destructive device from another person at
161 school or found the firearm or destructive device at school, (2) delivered or reported
162 the firearm or destructive device as soon as practicable to a law enforcement officer
163 or school personnel, and (3) had no intent to use the firearm or destructive device in a
164 harmful or threatening way.
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166 For the purpose of this subsection, a firearm is (1) a weapon, including a starter gun
167 that will, is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the
168 action of an explosive, (2) the frame or receiver of any such weapon, or (3) any
169 firearm muffler or firearm silencer. A firearm does not include an inoperable
170 antique firearm, a BB gun, a stun gun, an air rifle or an air pistol. For the
171 purposes of this subsection, a destructive device is an explosive, incendiary, or
172 poison gas (1) bomb, (2) grenade, (3) rocket having a propellant charge of more

173 than four ounces, (4) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more
174 than one-quarter ounce, (5) mine, or (6) similar device.

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176 A student may not be suspended for 365 days for a weapons violation except in
177 accordance with this subsection.

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180 Legal References: Gun-Free Schools Act, 20 U.S.C. 7151; N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-17, -18, -27.2
181 through -27.5A, -32, -33, -34 through -34.2, -41, -60, -69.1, -69.2, -87, -87.1, -132, -132.2, -
182 202.2, -208.18, -269.2, -277.5; ch. 90 art. 5; 115C-47, -276(r), -288, -307, -390.1, -390.2, -
183 390.10; State Board of Education Policy HRS-A-002

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185 Cross References:
186 Policy JFC, "Student Conduct/Discipline"
187 Policy JFCA, "Criminal Behavior"
188 Policy JFCL, "Student Sex Offenders"

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