

Policy Title: PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS	Policy No.	No. of Pages
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish a policy prohibiting the possession, selling, or use of a firearm, switchblade knife, or dangerous weapon while attending school or while attending school supervised activities held on or off school property.

- II. **DEFINITIONS:**
 1. A “dangerous weapon” means a dirk, dagger, butterfly knife, blackjack, slug shot, billy, metal knuckles, or other instrument whose sole design and purpose is to inflict bodily injury or death; provided that firearms are excluded from this definition.
 2. A “firearm” is defined as a weapon or device from which a projectile may be fired by an explosive, such as gunpowder.
 3. A “look-alike firearm” is defined as any object that is a facsimile of a real weapon, manufactured in such a form or with such attention to detail that an ordinary, prudent person could reasonably mistake it for a firearm.

- III. **GENERAL:**
 1. Except for the limited exceptions, no person shall be permitted to carry onto, or possess on, school property, school-provided transportation, or any facility where a school sponsored activity is being held:
 - a. any firearm or “look-alike” firearm, even if it is unloaded or with the firing mechanism removed; or
 - b. switchblade, or
 - c. any other dangerous weapon.
 2. The prohibitions in Section III, subsection 1, do not apply if the person is:
 - a. On school property pursuant to the person’s employment in law enforcement; the military, law enforcement or firefighting color guard activities; or armored car services, or
 - b. Law enforcement official not on duty but who is required to be armed at all times, or

- c. Providing a unique educational opportunity with prior written approval of the principal or associate principal.
- 3. "Look-alike firearms," weapons, or starter pistols for use in any school activity such as dance, athletic competition, music, or drama presentations may be permitted only with prior written approval by the principal.
- 4. A firearm or weapon confiscated from a student or staff person shall be held in safe keeping by the principal or designee until such firearm or weapon is turned over to law enforcement officials or parents as appropriate.
- 5. Violation of this policy by an employee of the school shall subject the employee to discipline up to and including termination.