

**Weapons and Dangerous Instruments**

Schools should be an example of what is taught regarding the observance and respect for law. Schools also must be highly conscious of the health and welfare of students, staff, and the public. In this regard, no person shall possess weapons, facsimiles of weapons, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, nor at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities. This ban shall include:

1. A firearm, which according to state statute means any sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged.
2. A deadly weapon which according to state statute means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles.
3. A dangerous instrument, which according to state statute means any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a vehicle.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The principal may authorize persons to display weapons that are registered and handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education or the community use of school facilities. The principal may prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed before giving such authorization.

Possession of or bringing a firearm or deadly weapon on school grounds or other areas under the control of the Board of Education may also be a violation of criminal law, and, therefore, any violation of this policy shall be reported to the local law enforcement agency.

Any person violating this policy shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Any other person violating this policy shall be subject to arrest.

**Legal References:** Connecticut General Statutes  
10-221. Board of education to prescribe rules  
53a-3. Definitions  
53a-217b. Possession of a weapon on school grounds

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