

## SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### WEAPONS

The Board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and look-alikes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment and present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-alikes. Weapons and other dangerous objects will be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Parents of students found to possess a weapon or dangerous object on school property will be promptly notified. Possession or confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects and look-alikes will be reported to the law enforcement officials, and all such confiscated weapons or dangerous objects and look-alikes will be turned over to the Polk County Sheriff's Office. A student in possession of a weapon or dangerous object will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing a firearm onto school property/buildings/grounds will be expelled for not less than twelve months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The Superintendent will have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes, but is not limited to, any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas, or otherwise defined by applicable laws.

Any object which could be used to injure another person and which has no school-related purpose will be considered a weapon. An object which has a school-related purpose but which is used to threaten or inflict injury will be considered a weapon. Weapons include, but are not limited to, knives, hand-held crossbows, metal pipes, chains, numchucks, throwing stars, katana or other swords, metal knuckles, blackjacks, fireworks, explosives or other chemicals, or simulated weapons, or otherwise defined by applicable laws.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials will be exempt from this policy. The Principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects for educational purposes. Such a display will also be exempt from this policy. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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**WEAPONS CONTINUED**

**Legal Reference:** 18 U.S.C. § 921  
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.21B; 483A.27(11), 724  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6)

**Cross Reference:** 503.1R1 Student Conduct - Discipline  
507.1 Student Health and Immunization Certificates

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