

DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS

School rules have long forbidden students to bring weapons or dangerous instrument onto school property or school-sponsored activities. Weapons and dangerous instruments shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Any firearm of any description
2. Any knife or similar items that could be dangerous to others as defined by State law
3. Chemical weapons or explosive devices (e.g. mace, ammunition)
4. Any device having a sharp point (e.g. ice picks)
5. Any other dangerous instrument that is capable of inflicting injury.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to have in his/her possession, on school property or at school-sponsored activities, weapons or dangerous instruments as stated above.

A student having in his/her possession, or in a desk or locker, any weapon, dangerous instrument or a facsimile thereof will be subject to both school discipline and/or law enforcement intervention. In addition, use of such a weapons or dangerous instrument will result in criminal prosecution.

In the enforcement of this policy, LEARN administrators may authorize:

1. Unannounced inspections of student lockers.
2. Inspection of student automobiles driven to school and parked on school property.
3. Inspection of the contents of a student's pockets, purse, and/or bags if there is reasonable suspicion that the student is in possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument.

In all cases of possible violation of criminal statutes related to the possession and/or use of weapons, the LEARN administration and police department will work cooperatively to determine the best course of action.

Each LEARN administrator shall provide written copies of this policy to all members of the faculty and student body.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-233a through 10-233g Student Discipline
53-206 Carrying and Sale of Dangerous Weapons
53a-3 Penal Code: General Provisions-Definitions

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