

Dangerous Weapons in Schools

Possession, use, transfer, carrying or selling of a weapon during any school sponsored activity, on any school bus, or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) may subject offenders to disciplinary action and referral for civil and/or criminal prosecution.

Section 1. Definitions.

- a. "Campus" means within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12).
- b. "Carrying" means to have, bear or transport upon or about one's person.
- c. "Possession" means having control or custody over a weapon with the intent to have and to exercise control. Possession may be sole, one person alone, or joint, two or more persons.
- d. "School Sponsored Activity" means any competition, concert, event, gathering, tournament or travel occurring under the sponsorship of a school, school district, activities association or other entity in which participation of students from Sweetwater County School District Number One, State of Wyoming is sanctioned, approved or mandated by Sweetwater County School District Number One, State of Wyoming or its administration.
- e. "Selling" means to give up or exchange goods for money, services or other goods.
- f. "Transfer" means the sale, gift and every other method, direct or indirect, of parting with property or the possession of property, voluntarily or involuntarily.
- g. "Use" of "using" means inflicting any physical injury with a "weapon", threatening physical injury on another person with a "weapon" or displaying a weapon for purposes of intimidation.
- h. "Weapons" means the following instruments, implements or items:
 - I. Type 1: Firearms (as defined 18 U.S.C.A. § 921).
 - II. Type 2: Instruments, implements or articles other than firearms used or designed to be used to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons. Examples include but are not limited to: hunting knives, switchblade knives, butterfly knives, clubs, stars, knuckles, and similar items.
 - III. Type 3: Instruments, implements, or articles used or designed to be used for other purposes but which are used or threatened to be used to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons. Examples include but are not limited to: belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, scissors, jewelry and similar items.
 - IV. Type 4: Instruments, implements or articles used or designed to be used as pocket knives. Examples include but are not limited to: single or multiple blade units designed to be carried in a pocket or sheath generally having blade lengths of three and one-half inches or less which fold into a blade receptacle.
 - V. Type 5: Instruments, implements, or articles used or designed to be used as toys or replicas of Type 1 or Type 2 weapons unless authorized by the Building Principal.

Section 2. Offenses.

- a. Possession, use, transfer, carrying or selling of a weapon during any school sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) is prohibited.

Section 3. Penalty.

- a. A student who violates Section 2 by possessing, using, transferring, carrying or selling a Type 1 weapon during any school-sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be expelled from school for not less than one (1) year except that the Superintendent of Schools may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.
- b. A student who violates Section 2 by possessing, using, transferring, carrying or selling a Type 2 weapon during any school-sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be suspended from school for not less than five (5) days and may receive additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school for up to one (1) year.
- c. A student who violates Section 2 by using or threatening to use a Type 3 weapon on any school-sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be suspended from school for not less than three (3) days and may receive additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year.
- d. A student who violates Section 2 by using or threatening to use a Type 4 weapon during any school sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be suspended from school for not less that three (3) days and may receive additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year.
- e. A student who violates Section 2 by possessing, transferring, carrying or selling a Type 4 weapon during any school-sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be disciplined at the discretion of the building principal.
- f. A student who violates Section 2 by possessing, using, transferring, carrying or selling a Type 5 weapon during any school-sponsored activity, on any school bus or within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12) shall be disciplined at the discretion of the building principal.
- g. Principals or other school officials may confiscate any weapon found: on the person of any student; on any school bus, or, within the boundaries of any real property used by the District primarily for the education of students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12). Confiscated weapons will be surrendered to law enforcement agencies upon request of the agency for use in prosecution or for destruction. Otherwise, confiscated weapons may be released to parents or legal guardians upon completion of any related disciplinary action or prosecution.

- h. The school district may provide information regarding violations of this policy to law enforcement agencies for prosecution by the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

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