

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: Weapons in School – Staff & Volunteers

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POLICY

Employees, district contractors and/or their employees and district volunteers shall not bring, possess, conceal, or use a weapon on District property, activities under the jurisdiction of the District, or at school-sponsored events. This prohibition includes those who may otherwise be permitted by law to carry such weapons.

For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapon includes:

1. A “dangerous weapon” means any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. A “deadly weapon” means any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
3. A “firearm” means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm silencer or any other destructive device.
4. A “destructive device” means explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device which is designed primarily or redesigned primarily for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety or similar device.

Weapons may also include, but not be limited to, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, noxious or irritating gases, poisons, unlawful drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to use, sell, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, guardians, and patrons.

Replicas of weapons, fireworks, and pocket knives are also prohibited by Board policy. Exceptions to the District’s replicas prohibition may be granted only with prior approval for certain curriculum or school-related activities.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

The Superintendent, or designee, will ensure notice of this policy is provided.

Employees in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Individuals contracting with the district and volunteers will be subject to appropriate sanctions. A referral to law enforcement may be made.

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REPORTS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

END OF POLICY

REFERENCES / COMMENTS

[ORS 161.015](#)

[ORS 166.210 - 166.370](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2012).
Doe v. Medford Sch. Dist. 549C, 232 Or. App. 38, 221 P3d 787 (2009).