

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Policy Title . . . WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Code No. 832

No person, including someone with a state-issued concealed carry license, shall use or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under Section 948.61 of the state statutes) in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the school district, on school premises, in school-provided transportation, or at any school-sponsored or school-supervised activity, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy.

The following are exceptions to the policy prohibition:

- This prohibition does not apply where state law prohibits a school district from restricting any individual's right to possess a firearm or other weapon in a location covered by this policy (e.g. law enforcement officers possessing a firearm or other weapon on school grounds in the line of duty; individuals 21 years of age or older licensed to carry a concealed weapon possessing or storing an authorized handgun that is unloaded and encased in their motor vehicle parked on school grounds).
- The building principal may allow a weapon on school premises for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal except during the actual demonstration or presentation.
- Firearms or other weapons used for hunting may be allowed on school property for hunter safety classes, but only during non-school hours and after approval, in writing, from the District Administrator. The person(s) conducting the hunter safety class will assume responsibility for the safe handling and care of the firearms/weapons, and see to it that all firearms/weapons are removed from the premises promptly after the class.
- Hunting may be allowed in the school forest when school or rental groups are not using the property and with written permission from the District Administrator. Hunting for a wild animal will not be permitted in the school forest when there is not an open season for that animal on land adjacent to the school forest. All persons authorized to hunt in the school forest shall abide by state and federal laws while hunting on school forest property including, without limitation, laws applicable to firearms and hunting, and shall abide by all District rules regarding use of the school forest.

Any student who possesses a firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials and shall be subject to school disciplinary action, including suspension, and a recommendation for expulsion, in accordance with federal law requirements.

Employees who violate this policy will be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution and subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

The District Administrator or designee shall determine the appropriate means of informing students, employees and the public of this policy, including any specific notice(s) that are required under applicable law.

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Legal Reference: Code of WI

Section 118.07
Section 118.31
Section 120.13(1)
Section 175.60
Section 941.23
Section 943.13
Section 948.60
Section 948.605
Section 948.61

Federal Laws:

Gun-Free Schools Act
18 U.S.C. Sec. 921(a)
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Cross Ref.:
Code No. 443.6