

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Weapons and Facsimile Weapons

WEAPONS:

The Okemos Public Schools (“School District”) prohibits persons from possessing/carrying, storing, making, delivering, transporting or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of District approved and authorized activities. Such settings and activities include, but are not limited to: property leased, owned, controlled or contracted for by the District, a District-sponsored event, or in a District-owned vehicle or during an employee’s work time or in the course of his/her District employment or persons attending classes and visitors on District premises.

Further, employees while on-duty or in the course of District employment, students and visitors, shall not carry/possess, store, make, deliver, transport, brandish or use a firearm or other weapon in any District setting, regardless of whether the person possesses a concealed weapons license (CPL).

Exceptions to the above provisions include weapons under the control of sworn law enforcement personnel or those persons* who are expressly permitted by law to carry or possess weapons.

*Note Includes: 1) A retired police officer or retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing; 2) a private investigator or private detective licensed under the professional investigator licensure act; 3) a corrections officer of a county sheriff’s department; 4) a motor carrier officer or capitol security officer of the department of state police; 5) a member of a sheriff’s posse, an auxiliary officer or reserve officer of a police or sheriff’s department; 6) a parole or probation officer of the department of corrections; 7) a state court judge or state court retired judge; or 8) a court officer.

FACSIMILE WEAPONS:

It shall be a violation of this policy for a person to carry/possess, store, make, deliver, transport or use a facsimile or “look alike” firearm or other weapon in any District setting as described above with the intent to scare, terrify, alarm, threaten, or intimidate any other person.

Exceptions to this section of the policy include:

- A. Weapons under the control of sworn law enforcement personnel;
- B. Items approved by faculty administration as part of a class or individual presentation if used for the purpose of and in the manner approved;

Note: Working firearms and ammunition shall never be approved;
- C. Theatrical props used in appropriate settings;

D. Starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including employment termination. Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, (See board policy 5146 and 5144).

The superintendent shall take the necessary steps to prosecute for a violation of the Weapon-Free School Zone. In addition, the superintendent may take any necessary steps to exclude the violator from district property under the Michigan Trespass Statute subject to criminal prosecution, and exclude the violator from District sponsored events and/or District employment.

Legal Reference: Michigan Compiled Laws -
MCL 28.425o; MCL 123.1103(b); MCL 750.237a;
MCL 750.552; United States Code - 18 USC 922;
20 USC 4141(g)

See Also:

Board Policy: 5144 Student Code of Conduct
5146 Weapon Free School Zone

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Regulations - Weapons and Facsimile Weapons

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The following definitions will serve to implement board policy concerning the possession of weapons and facsimile weapons by employees and volunteers.

I. DEFINITIONS:

“WEAPON FREE SCHOOL ZONE” means any property owned, maintained or used by the school and/or a vehicle used by the school to transport students to or from school property.

“WEAPON” means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons and animals. Weapons include, but are not limited to: firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), electronic magnetic device, (*i.e.*, “EMD” or “tasers”), knives, razors, clubs, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, incendiary and/or explosive devices.

“LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL” shall be defined as those individuals who are certified pursuant to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act and a regularly employed member of a law enforcement agency who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of this state.

Regulations: 06-10-13