

## 502.4 WEAPONS

The board believes weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district.

School district facilities are not an appropriate place for weapons or dangerous objects and look-a-likes. Weapons and other dangerous objects and look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district.

Parents of students found to possess a weapon or dangerous objects or look-a-likes on school property shall be notified of the incident. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing a firearm to school or knowingly possessing firearms at school shall be expelled for not less than one year. However, the superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for a student on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of the policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, or otherwise defined by applicable law.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials shall be exempt from this policy. The superintendent or superintendent's designee may allow authorized persons to display weapons or other dangerous objects or look-a-likes for educational or extra-curricular purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

LEGAL REF: 18 U.S.C. § 921.  
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.21B; 483A.27(11), 724.  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6)