

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

It is the policy of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions.

To aid in reaching that goal, the District shall strictly enforce the policy that no person shall possess, be armed with, store, or use a firearm or other weapon, whether unconcealed or concealed, in or on grounds of a school, on District premises, in or on school buses or District-owned vehicles, or at District-related activities, unless otherwise specifically permitted by law. This prohibition applies to all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, or other visitors at all times.

Although the Wisconsin Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) Law generally allows individuals with training and registration to carry concealed weapons in some public places, there are specific laws that make such concealed carry illegal when it occurs in or around schools in which education of children occurs and on other property owned or operated by the District, and the District is not required to post signs in order for such prohibition of firearms and weapons (concealed or otherwise) to apply in such locations. This policy does not apply to law enforcement officers as permitted under state or federal law.

“Dangerous weapon” means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing great bodily harm; any electric weapon or any other device or instrument which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce great bodily harm. “Great bodily harm” means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or other serious bodily injury.

All persons who violate this policy will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Students found to be in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action that may include suspension and/or expulsion from school and/or legal action. Any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school shall be referred to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action that may include suspension and/or termination and/or legal action consistent with any applicable handbook or agreement. Any employee who reasonably believes that an employee, visitor, student, or other person has a weapon in violation of this policy must report such belief to their supervisor.

All employees are also prohibited from possessing or carrying weapons in their employment or during any part of the course of their employment, including on school field trips or during other District-sponsored activities that are not held on school grounds. Individuals who volunteer for any District-related function shall also be prohibited, unless specifically authorized by law, from possessing or carrying weapons in the course of their volunteer activities.

Any entity with verbal or written contracts with the District shall ensure the safety of District students by ensuring that, to the extent permitted by law, the possession, carrying, use, or storage of weapons at

any building owned by the contractor where the students may be present pursuant to the contract are prohibited.

Visitors found to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premises and/or be subject to legal action.

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§ Sections 120.13 (1), 121.02 (1)(i), 941.235, 948.55, 948.60, 948.605, 948.61; Wisconsin Concealed Carry Law; Gun Free School Zone

Cross References: Policies 446 Student Searches, 720 School Safety Program, Current Employees Handbook and/or Agreements

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