

Students**Weapons and Dangerous Instruments**

Students shall not possess firearms or weapons or facsimiles thereof, or dangerous instruments of any kind on school grounds or buildings, on school buses, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities. The only exception to this is when the school has approved an activity where the use of a facsimile is used as part of the education process. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including expulsion as well as possible legal action. A student's conduct off school grounds that is seriously disruptive of the educational process and in violation of the CREC Council's publicized policies or for which expulsion is otherwise authorized by law may also be grounds for expulsion.

Firearms, weapons, and dangerous instruments shall include those defined by law. (18 U.S.C. 921, C.G.S. 53a-3, and 53-202 to 53-206, and 29-35). As defined by Connecticut general statute, a deadly weapon is defined as any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife or gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon or metal knuckles. Weapons also include martial arts weapons as defined in C.G.S. 53a-3(21). Further defined, a dangerous instrument is any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Any object that could pose a risk including but not limited to dangerous instruments or any type of weapon or weapon facsimile may be seized by an employee of CREC under the power granted to the CREC Council to maintain order and discipline in the schools, and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public. Every employee seizing any such object under the provisions of this policy shall deliver the seized device to the building administrator immediately.

If an employee knows or has reason to suspect that a student has possession of such a device but the device has not been seized, the employee shall report the matter to the building administrator immediately, and the administrator shall take such action as is appropriate. The administrator shall report all violations of this policy to the Cabinet member overseeing such program, and the administrator may report the violation to the local law enforcement agency if state or federal law has been violated. Parents/guardians of students violating this policy are to be notified as soon as possible.

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(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion; Due Process)
(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

10-233a through 10-233f - Expulsion as amended by PA 95-304

53a-3 Definitions.

53a-217b - Possession of firearms and deadly weapons on school grounds

53-206 Carrying and sale of dangerous weapons.

GOALS 2000: Educate America Act

18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.

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A full and accurate accounting of the incident, including persons involved, witnesses, location and circumstances of the violation must be developed in written form within twenty four hours of the violation. This report will be completed by all CREC employees who are directly involved in the incident on the proper form provided by CREC.

Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to the following disciplinary measures:

1. Possession at school or at a school-sponsored activity (including transportation) of a firearm, dangerous instrument, martial arts weapon or deadly weapon as defined by law:
 - A. 10-day suspension
 - B. Referral to law enforcement agency
 - C. Recommendation for expulsion for up to one year
2. Off-campus possession and use of a firearm, dangerous instrument, martial arts weapon or deadly weapon as defined by law in the commission of a crime:
 - A. 10-day suspension
 - B. Referral to law enforcement agency
 - C. Recommendation for expulsion for up to one year
3. Possession of a facsimile of a firearm or other weapon:
 - A. 10-day suspension
 - B. Possible referral to law enforcement agency
 - C. Possible recommendation for expulsion
4. Possession and use of any object in a manner to inflict bodily harm or to intimidate or threaten:
 - A. 10-day suspension
 - B. Referral to law enforcement agency
 - C. Recommendation for expulsion
5. Possession of any dangerous object may result in a suspension or expulsion. Use or possession of any article or substance which could inflict serious injury, can result in a suspension or expulsion. Repeat offenders will be subject to more severe disciplinary measures.

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