5131.7(a)

Students Firearms. Deadly Weapons. Dangerous Instruments and Martial Arts Weapons – Regulations

Students shall not possess firearms, deadly weapons, or dangerous instruments of any kind on school grounds, in buildings, on school buses, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities. Firearms, deadly weapons, dangerous instruments and martial arts weapons shall include any weapon that can expel a projectile by explosive action and

includes devices, incendiaries, poison gases, and firearm frames, receiving, mufflers or silencers; any weapon whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon or metal knuckles; or any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or intended or attempted or threatened to be used is capable of causing death or serious physical injury or is defined as a dangerous instrument or martial arts weapon according to State or Federal statute. This may include a motor vehicle or a dog that is commanded to attack.

Possession or use of firearms, deadly weapons dangerous instruments or martial arts weapons by a student on school grounds or other areas under the control of the Board of Education shall be reported immediately to the Board of Education, and, if possible, to the parent or guardian of a minor student. A formal complaint shall be filed with the Brookfield Police. Students who violate this policy shall be expelled as per Policy 5114, Removal, Exclusion, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process and are subject to arrest. Special education students shall be referred for a PPT meeting.

Any firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or martial arts weapon shall be seized by an employee of the school system unless the employee feels that there is a risk of injury to himself/herself or others. Insuring the safety of students and staff is primary.

Every employee seizing any firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous instrument or martial arts weapon under the provision of this policy shall report the incident to the building administrator immediately, and deliver the seized device to the building administrator, together with the names of persons involved, witnesses, location and circumstances of the seizure. 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 appropriate action.

The building administrator shall report all violations of this policy to the Superintendent or designee and shall file a formal complaint with the Brookfield police.

The Superintendent shall ensure that students and parents or guardians of minor students are informed of this policy annually or at the time of enrollment of a transfer student.

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cf: 5113, Truancy 5114 - Removal, Exclusion, Suspension/Expulsion. Due Process 5144-5131, Conduct/Discipline/Punishment 5131.1, Bus Conduct 5131.21, Violent and Aggressive Behavior 5131.5, Vandalism 5131.6, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco 5145.5, Sexual Harassment Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules. 10-233c Suspension of pupils. 10-233d Expulsion of pupils. Hearing format. Age limitation for the provision of an alternative educational opportunity; exceptions. 29-35 53a-3 Definitions 53-206 Carrying and Sale of Dangerous Weapons PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Safety GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. 103-227 18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.

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