

## **5035.1 Firearms and Weapons**

**Weapons.** No student may possess, handle, or transmit any weapon while on school grounds or at any school activity or event off school grounds except as permitted by this policy. No visitor under the age of 18 may possess, handle, or transmit any weapon while on school grounds or at any school activity or event off school grounds except as permitted by this policy.

**Definition of Weapon.** The term "weapon" means any object, device, instrument, material, or substance which is capable of causing injury in the manner it is used or intended to be used.

**Firearms.** No person may bring, possess, handle or transmit a firearm on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle, or at a school activity or event off school grounds, except as permitted by this policy.

**Definition of Firearm.** The term "firearm," as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or firearm silencer, or any destructive device (excluding an antique firearm).

**Exceptions Regarding Firearms.** The prohibition against firearms does not apply to:

- Firearms lawfully possessed by a law enforcement official or school sentinel;
- Firearms that may lawfully be possessed by a person who is receiving training at the school under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor;
- The use of a starting gun at an athletic event;
- The lawful possession of a firearm at a gun show authorized by the board to be held on school premises;
- Unloaded firearms which may lawfully be possessed by a person for the purpose of using them as part of a color guard ceremony.

**Consequences - Firearm.** Any student who brings a firearm, as that term is defined in 18 United States Code 921, or weapon to any Teachwell Solutions facility will be subject to any discipline allowed by law and/or as otherwise provided in Teachwell Solutions’s student discipline policy.

**Confiscation of Firearms.** Administrative and teaching personnel are statutorily authorized, without a warrant, to confiscate any firearm possessed in violation of this policy. By statute, any firearm that is confiscated by school personnel shall be delivered to a peace officer as soon as practicable. Such firearms are subject to being destroyed by law enforcement authorities.

**Report to Law Enforcement Authorities.** All personnel are required to report any violation of this policy to a principal or the superintendent of schools. Pursuant to state and federal law, personnel are required to report to law enforcement authorities when a student brings a firearm or weapon to school.

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