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## **WEAPONS - POSSESSION**

### **Preamble**

A “weapon” is any instrument designed or used to injure or intimidate another person. This includes items generally understood to be weapons as well as replicas of weapons. Any other item, if used to injure, threaten or intimidate, is also a weapon.

Weapons are not allowed:

- in the school
- on school grounds
- on the way to and from school
- at any school-related activity

The Division will not readily accept excuses or explanations for being in possession of a weapon or potential weapon. Excuses such as “I forgot I had it” or “It’s not mine” will not be accepted.

All knives, including pocketknives, knives with fixed blades or switchblades are classed as weapons.

The Division reserves the right to confiscate any knife or other item that could be used as a weapon.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Violation of this policy will result in the following disciplinary action:

- a) an immediate five day out-of-school suspension, and
- b) referral to the Superintendent’s Department for review and possible extension of the suspension of up to 20 days, and
- c) referral to the School Board for review and possible extension of the suspension and/or expulsion from school.

For students in Grades K-4, violation of this policy will result in the following action:

- a) an investigation and assessment will be carried out by the Principal and/or a school team in an effort to determine the details and level of danger presented;
- b) parents shall be notified as soon as possible and a meeting arranged;



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- c) following the above steps, a report is to be filed with the Superintendent's Department, including the details of the incident, copies of all documentation, and the actions taken.
- d) Violation of this policy by K-4 students may result in suspension or expulsion, dependent on the circumstances.

Students new to the school are to be advised of this expectation as part of the registration/orientation procedure and information is to be included in all future Parent & Student handbooks.

See also: AF