

WEAPONS

It is the policy of the School District of New Berlin to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions. Except as defined in this policy or as otherwise provided by Wisconsin's Gun Free School Zone law, no person shall possess, use, or store a weapon and/or facsimile weapon on school property or in any vehicle on school property, in school vehicles, or at any school-related event. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement officers discharging their official duties or as allowed by any Agreement with the City of New Berlin Police Department or military personnel who are armed in the line of duty.

Except as stated in this policy, a weapon is defined to include, but is not limited to, a firearm (whether loaded or unloaded), an explosive device, a razor or knife, or any object whose primary use is to cause bodily or property damage, or look-alike weapon.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to penalties outlined in state law and suspended and/or expelled from school. Parents/guardians and law enforcement officials will be notified in all cases. Weapons will be confiscated by the School District.

Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies and agreements and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Law enforcement officers will be summoned to the schools in a situation involving a weapon which presents an immediate threat to safety. If the situation does not allow an opportunity to contact law enforcement officials immediately, school staff and administration shall attempt to diffuse and control the situation until law enforcement officials can be summoned. If in the judgment of school personnel, cooperation in surrendering the weapon is not evident, the individual should be kept under surveillance until law enforcement personnel arrive and disarm the suspect.

This policy prohibits weapons, facsimile weapons, and real weapons rendered permanently inoperable. However, pre-approval for the usage of facsimile weapons when used in theatrical productions or historical presentations shall be obtained in writing from the building administrator, who shall retain possession of the facsimile weapons except during their actual use. Any student who follows this policy with respect to a firearm shall be deemed not to be in possession of a firearm for the purpose of section 120.13 (1)(e)2m of Wisconsin Statutes.

Archery equipment and starter pistols, provided by the school district for physical education classes and athletic events, are permitted and must be used only under the direct supervision of physical education personnel and coaches. When not in use, these items must be in a locked cabinet.

For the purposes of this policy, "weapons" are further defined by Wisconsin statutes and regulations.

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