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## JICI

### WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

No student shall carry or possess a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises without authorization by a school administrator. No student shall use or threaten to use a weapon or simulated weapon to disrupt any District activity. "Weapon" means any of the following:

- *Projectile Propelling Weapons, Including Firearms and Air Soft/Pellet Guns* - Includes a loaded or unloaded, operable or inoperable gun or any other device capable of propelling a lethal projectile, whether by explosive or mechanical means. Such weapons include air soft/pellet guns, BB guns, slingshots, bows or crossbows.
- Knives of any length.
- *Other Weapons or Dangerous Instruments* - Includes an explosive or other device or instrument that is capable of intimidating another person or inflicting bodily harm to another person, including any collection of parts that could be readily assembled to form a weapon or dangerous instrument.

Any employee who observes any person in possession of a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises shall immediately report the matter to the school administrator. A school administrator who observes or receives a report of a student possessing a weapon on school premises shall immediately take appropriate safety and disciplinary actions in accordance with District policies and shall immediately report a violation of this policy to a peace officer, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-515, if the weapon is a deadly weapon or the student is a minor in possession of a firearm.

A student who violates this policy by carrying or possessing a firearm shall be placed in an alternative education program for a period of not less than one (1) year, suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year, or expelled and not be readmitted within a one (1)-year period, if ever. The Governing Board, in its sole discretion, may modify the one (1)-year duration of such disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis.

A student who violates this policy by any means other than carrying or possessing a firearm shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion. Disciplinary action against a student with one (1) or more disabilities shall be applied on a case-by-case basis in accordance with District policies and state and federal special education laws.

*School premises* means the school, school grounds, school buses, or any premises, grounds, or vehicles used for school purposes and includes premises where school-sponsored events (for example, athletic games and competitions, music competitions, etc.) are held away from District property.

*Deadly weapon* means any weapon designed for lethal use, including a firearm.

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LEGAL REF.:

A.R.S.

[13-2911](#)

[13-3102](#)

[13-3111](#)

[15-341](#)

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[15-515](#)

[15-713](#)

[15-714](#)

[15-714.01](#)

[15-841](#)

[15-843](#)

20 U.S.C. 7151 *et seq.*, The Gun-Free School Act of 1990

CROSS REF.:

[J](#)I - Student Rights and Responsibilities

[J](#)I.C - Student Conduct

[J](#)I.H - Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests

[J](#)K - Student Discipline

[J](#)K.D - Student Suspension

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