



**SEEDS OF FAITH
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Policy No. 211.1
Section: Pupils
Title: Weapons
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Revised:

1. Purpose

The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.

2. Definitions
SC 1317.2

Weapon – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

Possessing – a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student’s locker; under the student’s control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.

3. Authority

The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school building, onto school property, to any school sponsored activity, and unto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity.

The school shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with a formal due process to take place at the school. The Administrator/Principal may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirements on a case-by-case basis.

4. Delegation
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Responsibility

The Administrator/Principal or designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student’s parents and to local law enforcement officials.

The Administrator/Principal or designee shall be responsible to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.

5. Guidelines

Students, staff and parents shall be informed at least annually concerning this policy.

18 U.S.C.
Sec. 921,922

In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The school reserves the right to refuse admittance of a student from a public or private school who has been expelled for an offense involving a weapon.