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DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOL

Students are prohibited from bringing dangerous and/or illegal weapons to school or school-sponsored activities. Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action shall be pursued by the building principal.

A dangerous and/or deadly weapon is defined as any firearm, knife or device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm, or any object which can reasonably be considered to be a weapon. Look-alike weapons, which are items that resemble or appear to be weapons, also are prohibited.

No firearms are permitted on any school premises, in a school vehicle or any vehicle used for school purposes, or in any school building or other building or premises used for school functions. Exceptions would include weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, starting guns while in use at athletic events, supervised school training sessions for the use of firearms, weapons used in educational demonstrations, ceremonial presence or unloaded weapons used at color guard ceremonies and look-alike weapons in an approved school performance.

A student who has intentionally brought a firearm onto school property shall be expelled by the Board for a period of not less than twelve months. The Superintendent may modify this expulsion on a case by case basis. All students shall be entitled to the due process right for suspensions as set forth at SDCL 13-32-4.2.

LEGAL REFS: SDCL 13-32-4

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