Series 3000: Operations, Finance, and Property

3400 School Safety and Security

3408 Firearms and Weapons

The District is a weapon-free school zone. Except as otherwise permitted by Policy or required by applicable law, a person may not possess a weapon on District property. See also Policy 5206. Each person on District property must also comply with the federal Gun- Free School Zones Act.

A. As used in this Policy:

1. An “antique firearm” means that term as defined by MCL 750.237a.

2. A “firearm” means any weapon that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

3. “Pistol” means that term as defined by MCL 28.421.

4. “District property” means:

   a. a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to students or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses; and

   b. a vehicle used by the District to transport students to or from a place described in subsection A.4.a above.

5. A “weapon” means a firearm, pneumatic gun, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife with a blade over 3 inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, or brass knuckles, or any other object used, intended, or represented to inflict serious bodily injury or property damage.

B. Permitted Uses

The following persons may possess a weapon on District property:

1. a peace officer as defined by law or those persons listed in MCL 28.425o(5);

2. a student’s Parent licensed to carry a concealed pistol may carry a concealed pistol (but no other weapons) while in a vehicle if the Parent is dropping the student off at, or picking the student up from, the student’s school;

3. a person with permission from the Superintendent or designee to possess a firearm (but no other weapons) within any lawful parameters established by the Board;

4. an employee or contracted person if the possession of that weapon is to provide security services for the District;

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5. Use in conjunction with subsection A.1: a non-student at least 18 years old who possesses an unloaded firearm (but no other weapons) in a wrapper or container in a vehicle's trunk while transporting a student to or from the school if any of the following apply:

    a. the person is carrying an antique firearm while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area or function involving the exhibition, demonstration, or sale of antique firearms;

    b. the person is carrying a firearm while in possession of a valid Michigan hunting license or proof of valid membership in an organization having shooting range facilities and while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area;

    c. the person is carrying a firearm from the place of purchase to his or her home or place of business or to a place of repair or back to his or her home or place of business, or in moving goods from one abode or business to another abode or business; or

    d. if the vehicle does not have a trunk, the person is carrying a firearm in the passenger compartment and the person is otherwise complying with the requirements of subsection b or c and the wrapper or container is not readily accessible to the vehicle's occupants.

C. Violations

1. Students and District personnel with knowledge that a person is in violation of this Policy should immediately report the violation to the building principal or designee.

2. Violation of this Policy will result in discipline of students, employees, and contractors, up to and including expulsion or termination, removal from District property, and referral to law enforcement.

D. Notices

1. The District will annually distribute the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services notice concerning the best practices for the safe storage of firearms to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled no later than October 1 of each year.

2. By October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter, the District will annually post the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services notice to the District webpage.

Legal authority: 18 USC 921; 18 USC 922(q); MCL 28.425f, 28.425o; MCL 750.237a; MCL 380.1313b

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