



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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Students

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

Students shall not possess weapons, replicas of weapons, or dangerous instruments of any kind on school grounds, buildings, buses, nor at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities, unless written permission has been obtained from the principal or his/her designee.

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: hand guns, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, air guns, and any other device capable of propelling a projectile.
2. Cutting and puncturing devices: dirks, daggers, knives, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, or razor.
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of flammable fluids, fireworks, and other hazardous devices.
4. Disabling devices: mace, pepper spray, tear gas or tear gas weapons, or any other toxic chemical which could injure another person.

All school personnel, including certificated and classified employees, are authorized to take any weapon or dangerous device from the possession of any person on school grounds if they have reason to believe that the person is prohibited from lawfully possessing such a weapon. All school employees are to refrain from taking any such device from a student when to do so would endanger the employee or any other person in the vicinity.

Any other dangerous device, especially those defined in the Penal Code, Section 12020, including (but not limited to) a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sand-club, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three (3) or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon, may be taken by any employee of the district under the power granted to the Governing Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff, and the public.

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments (continued)

A school employee seizing any weapon or dangerous instrument under the provisions of this regulation shall deliver the seized device to the building principal or his/her designee immediately. Possession of these weapons or devices on school campus may also be a violation of the Penal Code. Any violation of this regulation shall be reported to the local law enforcement agency for their review and handling.

If it is known or suspected by a school employee that a student has possession of a weapon or other dangerous instrument but the device has not been seized, the employee shall report the matter to the principal or his/her designee immediately, and the principal or designee shall take the appropriate action. Whether or not the employee has taken the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall complete a follow-up report to the principal which shall include the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, circumstances of the seizure (if any) and whether or not law enforcement has been notified.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement of any seizure or possession of weapons if such notice has not already been provided by an employee. The principal shall also report all violations of this regulation to the Superintendent or his designee.

The principal shall take disciplinary action as he/she may determine necessary in accordance with Board policies and regulations. He/she shall make a reasonable effort to report the incident to the student's parents/guardians verbally, either by telephone or during a conference, and also in writing.

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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