



## **SD 42 POLICY: 9420**

### **DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOLS**

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#### **PHILOSOPHY:**

It is the policy of the school district to maintain a positive, safe, secure learning and working environment. In striving to attain such an environment, the district takes the position of no tolerance for weapons in our schools. All weapons or instruments that have the appearance of a weapon are prohibited within all school environments and the school zone, except for educational purposes as authorized in advance by the school principal or designate. School environments include, but are not limited to, district-owned buildings; leased or rented facilities; school-sponsored activities; field trips; school vehicles and school buses rented or owned. Anyone found to be in possession of a weapon in any area defined in this policy, before, during, or after school hours is subject to administrative and/or legal action.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Weapon" means any firearm whether loaded or unloaded; any chemical, substance, device, or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or death; or any device or instrument that is used to threaten, intimidate, or cause bodily harm or death. This includes replicas and toys or bringing weapons on site for protection.

#### **AUTHORITY:**

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of this policy to the Superintendent of Schools and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy.

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