

Weapons

It is the policy of Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 that there is zero tolerance for the possession, threat of use, or actual use of weapons on any District property, including transportation equipment (i.e., school buses), in motor vehicles or other forms of personal storage upon school property, or at any activities sponsored by the District.

ABSOLUTELY NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED ON DISTRICT PROPERTY OR AT DISTRICT SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AT ANY TIME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The definition of a weapon includes, but is not limited to: any weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, as defined by 18 United States Code Section 921/930, or any other object capable of being used as a weapon. The use or threat of use of any normally non-dangerous implement as a weapon also falls within this definition.

Any student who brings a weapon or knowingly assists another person (s) to possess, carry, or use a weapon, on school premises, a school function, or on a school bus, in violation of the Gun-Free Schools Act and Idaho Code 18-3302D or this policy may be expelled for one full calendar year. The Board of Trustees may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-to-case basis.

The Principal or designee will immediately confiscate any item identified as a weapon and contact the Superintendent or designee. Students reasonably believed to be in possession of, have used or have intended to use these items may be suspended from school until an investigation is completed. Students found in possession of a firearm, or dangerous weapon as defined by federal and state law, shall immediately be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Parents or legal guardians shall be notified immediately.

Disciplining students with disabilities as defined by Public Law 94-142, and subsequent amendments, and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act under this policy will follow federal guidelines.

The District shall deny admittance of a student who has been expelled from another district for violating the Gun-Free Schools Act until that student has completed the expulsion period. If a student wishes to challenge the decision, the student is entitled to a due process hearing before the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 33-205.

In particular situations, the Board of Trustees is mandated to expel a student for violation of federal and/or state law. The Board of Trustees retains the discretion for expulsion for all other violation of this policy.

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Policy History

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