

Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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	218.1. WEAPONS
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school environment is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p>
2. Definitions SC 1317.2 (g)	<p>Weapon – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possessing – a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student’s locker; under the student’s control while s/he is on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school; or while the student is on his/her way to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2 SC 1317.2 Pol. 233 P.L. 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq	<p>The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school district buildings, onto school property, to any school sponsored activity, and onto any public conveyance providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity.</p> <p>The school district shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Act.</p>

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SC 1317.2	When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment may not exceed the expulsion period.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents and to local law enforcement officials.
SC 1317.2 (f) (2)	The Superintendent shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon on school grounds to the Department of Education.
SC 1303-A	The Superintendent or a designee shall take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.
SC 1303-A (b)	Acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.
5. Guidelines	Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.
School Code 1303-A 1317.2 Public Law 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 Et seq	