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SECTION 600 – Weapons

POLICY 640: WEAPONS

BACKGROUND

The Board, in accordance with the laws of Alberta and Canada, has the responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff.

POLICY

The Board prohibits the possession and use of weapons on School Division property, school buses and/or at school related activities.

DEFINITIONS

A weapon is any object which is 'used' or 'intended' to be used to threaten, intimidate or inflict injury or harm to another.

GUIDELINES

1. The paramount consideration in all situations involving weapons shall be the safety of students and staff.
2. Principals may permit objects, which otherwise might be prohibited, to be brought to school for use in approved instructional programs. This approval should be after consultation with the police liaison officer.
3. Where an individual is found in possession of a weapon (not authorized) said weapon must be surrendered to the principal. If that individual is a student, the parents will be informed immediately.
4. Possession of a weapon may, depending on specific circumstances, be grounds for consequence in accordance with Policy 600 – Student Roles and Responsibilities, Policy 612 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments and the School Act.
5. In cases involving the use of weapons to injure, harm or threaten, the principal will advise the police. Actions will be taken by the principal, and if necessary, future action will be taken in accordance with the law and School Division policies and procedures.
6. The Board expects individuals in contravention of this policy to be dealt with in a timely manner.

REFERENCES

Policy 600 – Student Roles and Responsibilities

Policy 612 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments

Alberta Education – School Act

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