

Students - Activities

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

- A. The Glendale Unified School District maintains complete authority over the possession of weapons on school grounds or in buildings, or on school buses, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities. No person, either school employee, student, or visitor other than a duly appointed police officer, shall possess a weapon, replicas of weapons, or a dangerous instrument, including pepper spray and tear gas weapons (even though Penal Code, Sections 12403.7 and 12403.8 authorize a person 16 years of age or older to possess and carry such weapons), unless written permission has been obtained from the principal or designee.
- B. Prohibited weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not necessarily limited to: (Education Code 48915, 49330; Penal Code 626.10, 16100, 17360, 30310)
1. Firearms: Pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, “zip guns,” “stun guns,” tasers, cane guns, camouflaging firearms, and any other device from which is expelled through a barrel and capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
  2. Ammunition or reloaded ammunition.
  3. Knives, razor blades, and box cutters: any dirks, daggers (or concealed dirks or daggers), cane swords, ice picks, or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing; weapons with a blade longer than three and one-half inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade.
  4. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, rockets or rocket propelled projectile launchers, cap guns, bullets containing or carrying an explosive agent, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices or concealed explosive substances.
  5. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure or spring action, or any spot marker gun.
  6. Any other dangerous device, instrument, or weapon, including those defined in Penal Code 16000-34370, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon.

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7. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- C. Any certificated or classified employee of the District may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the district. (Education Code 49331, 49332)
- D. In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall use the employee's own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall take one of the following actions:
  1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately.
  2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action.
  3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal.
- E. When informing the principal about the possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and circumstances of the possession.
- F. If it is suspected that a student has possession of such a device but the device has not been seized, the employee should report the matter to the principal immediately and the principal shall take such action as is appropriate.
- G. The principal shall report all violations of this regulation to the Superintendent or designee.
- H. The principal shall also take such disciplinary action as deemed necessary and shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the parents or guardian of the student by telephone or in person, and follow this notification with a letter.
- I. The employee shall retain possession of the instrument until the risk of its use as a weapon has dissipated, it has been taken into possession by a law enforcement officer, it is no longer needed as evidence for the investigation or disciplinary action, or upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, until the parent/guardian appears and personally takes possession. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

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Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 35291; 48902; 48915, 48916, 48980; 49330-49335; 49390-43395  
Penal Code, Sections 245, 417.4; 626.9; 626.10; 16100; 17360; 22810-23025; 25200-25225; 30310  
United States Code, Title 6, Section 665k  
United States Code, Title 20, Sections 6301; 8961; 7961

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