

## **Weapons**

Students shall not bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon on or at ESD property, activities under the jurisdiction of the ESD or interscholastic activities administered by a voluntary organization approved by the State Board of Education (i.e., Oregon School Activities Association).

For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapon includes:

1. "Dangerous weapon" – any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. "Deadly weapon" – any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
3. "Firearm" – any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm silencer;
4. "Destructive device" – any device with an explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device, which is designed primarily or redesigned primarily for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety or similar device.

Weapons may also include, but not be limited to, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, noxious, irritating or poisonous gases, poisons, unlawful drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to use, sell, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, parents, and patrons.

Replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocketknives are also prohibited by Board policy. Exceptions to the district's replicas prohibition may be granted only with prior program supervisor approval for certain curriculum or ESD-related activities. Violations will result in appropriate discipline.

Prohibited weapons, replicas of weapons, fireworks and pocketknives are subject to seizure or forfeiture.

In accordance with Oregon law, any employee who has reasonable cause to believe a student or other person has, within the previous 120 days, unlawfully been in possession of a firearm or destructive device as defined by this policy, shall immediately report such violation to an administrator, his/her designee or law enforcement. Employees who report directly to law enforcement shall also immediately inform an administrator.

Administrators shall promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of staff reports received and at any other time there is reasonable cause to believe violations have occurred or that a student has been expelled for bringing, possessing, concealing or using a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device. Parents will be notified of all conduct by their student that violates this policy.

Employees shall promptly report all other conduct prohibited by this policy to an administrator.

Students found to have brought, possessed, concealed or used a dangerous or deadly weapon, firearm or destructive device on property under jurisdiction of the ESD will be referred to the student's component school district and expelled for a period of not less than one year. The component school district superintendent may, on a case-by-case basis,

modify this expulsion requirement. The component school district may also request suspension of a student's driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against students or others who assist in activity prohibited by this policy.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted. The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons for courses, programs and activities approved by the district and conducted on district property including, but not limited to, hunter safety courses, weapons-related vocational courses or weapons-related sports.

In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone is prohibited. A "school zone", as defined by federal law means in or on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of school grounds.

"Gun-Free Zone" signs may be posted in cooperation with city and/or county officials as appropriate. Violations, unless otherwise accepted by law or this policy, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

## **END OF POLICY**

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### **Legal Reference(s):**

ORS 161.605	ORS 339.315	OAR 581-053-0230(9)(k)
ORS 166.210 to 370	ORS 339.327	OAR 581-053-0330(l)(r)
ORS 166.382	ORS 809.135	OAR 581-053-0430(17)
ORS 334.125(7)	ORS 809.260	OAR 581-053-0531(16)
ORS 339.115	OAR 581-021-0050 to 0075	OAR 581-053-0630
ORS 339.240	OAR 581-053-0010	
ORS 339.250		

Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. Sections 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q)(2006)  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Sections 1400-1427 (2006)  
Youth Handgun Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. Sections 922(x) and 924(a)(6)(2006)  
Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 7101-7117(2006)