

 <p><b>Tucson, Arizona</b></p> <p><b>GOVERNING BOARD POLICY</b></p>	POLICY TITLE: Weapons in School
	POLICY CODE: JICI

No student shall carry or possess a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises without authorization by a school administrator. No student shall use or threaten to use a weapon or simulated weapon to disrupt any activity of the District.

Any employee who observes any person in possession of a weapon or simulated weapon on school premises shall immediately report the matter to the school administrator. A school administrator who observes or receives a report of a student possessing a weapon on school premises shall immediately take appropriate safety and disciplinary actions in accordance with District policies and shall immediately report a violation of this policy to a peace officer, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-515, if the weapon is a deadly weapon or the student is a minor in possession of a firearm.

A student who violates this policy by carrying or possessing a firearm shall be placed in an alternative education program for a period of not less than one (1) year, suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year, or expelled and not be readmitted within a one-year period, if ever. The Governing Board, in its sole discretion, may modify the one-year duration of such disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis.

A student who violates this policy by any means other than carrying or possessing a firearm shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion. Disciplinary action against a student with one (1) or more disabilities shall be applied on a case-by-case basis in accordance with District policies and state and federal special education laws.

For the purposes of this policy:

- **Weapon** means any of the following:
  - A firearm
  - A knife, other than a folding pocket knife with a blade length of not more than 2-1/2 inches that cannot be locked in an open position.
  - A destructive device
  - A dangerous instrument
- **Simulated weapon** means an instrument displayed or represented as a weapon.

- **Firearm** means any of the following:
  - Any loaded or unloaded gun that will, that is designed to, or that may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive
  - The frame or receiver of any such firearm
  - Any firearm muffler or silencer
  - Any explosive, incendiary, poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four (4) ounces, missile having an explosive charge of more than one-fourth (1/4) ounce, mine, or similar device.
  - Any combination of parts that could be readily assembled to form a firearm.
  
- **Destructive device** means:
  - Any device other than a firearm that will, or is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by any means of propulsion, such as a BB/pellet gun, slingshot, bow, or crossbow.
  - Any collection of parts that could be readily assembled to form a destructive device.
  
- **Dangerous instrument** means anything other than a firearm, knife, or destructive device that is carried or possessed by a student for the purpose of being used or being available for use to cause death or inflict serious physical injury.
  
- **School premises** means the school, school grounds, school buses, or any premises, grounds, or vehicles used for school purposes and includes premises where school-sponsored events (for example, athletic games and competitions, music competitions, etc.) are held away from District property.
  
- **Deadly weapon** means any weapon designed for lethal use, including a firearm.

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20 U.S.C. 7151 The Gun-Free School Act of 1990

**CROSS REF:** JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities  
JIH – Student Interviews, Searches, and Arrests  
JK – Student Discipline