

FIREARMS, WEAPONS, AND DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES

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TITLE: Firearms, Weapons, and Destructive Devices

POLICY:

- (1) Definitions. For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) “Board Property” means all property that is owned, leased, contracted for or controlled by the School Board of Orange County, Florida (“Board”). Board property includes, but is not limited to, all schools, district offices, shops and related closed areas, playgrounds, practice fields, football fields, baseball fields, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, pool areas, any other school recreational facilities, all open areas, Board owned vehicles.
 - (b) “Destructive Device” means any bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas, or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode by such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage; any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled; any device declared a destructive device by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; any type of weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of any explosive and which has a barrel with a bore of one-half inch or more in diameter; and ammunition for such destructive devices, but not including shotgun shells or any other ammunition designed for use in a firearm other than a destructive device.
 - (c) “Firearm” means any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.
 - (d) “School-sponsored event” means any event sponsored by the Board and/or Orange County Public Schools (“OCPS”) that occurs on or off Board property. School-sponsored events include, but are not limited to, sporting events, field trips, dances, and theatrical productions.
 - (e) “Weapon” means any dirk (i.e. a dagger), knife, metallic knuckles, slugshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon. Also included are objects that are used to intimidate or threaten another person, or objects used to harm another person.
- (2) Prohibition of Firearms, Weapons, and Destructive Devices.
 - (a) The Board recognizes the importance of safety for all OCPS students,

Board employees, contracted vendors, visitors, and other members of the public; therefore, the Board prohibits any OCPs student, Board employee, contracted vendor, visitor, and/or member of the public (except law enforcement officers as defined in Chapter 943, Florida Statutes) from bringing or using a firearm, weapon, and/or destructive device on Board Property, school transportation, and any school sponsored activity, regardless if he/she has a permit to carry a firearm as allowed under Section 790.06, Florida Statutes. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, possessing or carrying a firearm, weapon, and/or destructive device on his/her person, in a vehicle, and/or any other container or conveyance.

- (i) Students found in violation of this policy while on Board Property, school transportation, or at any school-sponsored event may be subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with the Code of the Student Conduct. In addition, the violation shall be reported to law enforcement, which could result in criminal prosecution.
- (ii) Board employees found in violation of this policy while on Board Property, school transportation, or at any school-sponsored event may be subjected to disciplinary action. In addition, the violation shall be reported to law enforcement, which could result in criminal prosecution.
- (iii) Contracted vendors, visitors, and other members of the public found in violation of this policy shall be reported to law enforcement and subsequently referred to the principal/designee or building administrator for further action. Further action may include, but is not limited to, trespassing the individual from Board Property. In addition, the violation may result in criminal prosecution.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 790.001; 790.06; 790.115; 943.10; 1001.41; 1001.42; 1003.32; 1006.07; and 1006.13, Florida Statutes

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