

## **MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Board Policy 832**

#### **WEAPONS**

It is the goal of the Monona Grove School District to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions. Therefore, except as otherwise provided:

1. No person shall possess, use or threaten use of a weapon or a look-alike weapon on school premises, in school-sponsored vehicles or at any school-related event;
2. No person shall possess a firearm within 1,000 feet from the grounds of a school; and
3. No person shall unlawfully possess, use or threaten the use of a chemical irritant (e.g., pepper spray) on school premises, in school-sponsored vehicles or at any school-related event.

A weapon is defined as a firearm (loaded or unloaded), knife, razor, martial arts device, explosive device, metal knuckle or any other object which by the manner in which it is used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm. A look-alike weapon is defined as a toy gun, non-working replica of a weapon, cap gun, starter pistol or any other object, which could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon regardless of whether it is manufactured for that purpose.

A Monona Grove student who violates this policy shall be subject to school disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with state and federal laws and Board policies, and shall be referred to law enforcement officers. In accordance with state and federal law, a student who possesses a firearm while at school or under the supervision of a school authority shall be expelled from school for not less than one year.

Disciplinary measures taken shall be the responsibility of the building administration. Circumstances involving a policy violation, including the age of the student and state or federal law, shall be taken into consideration when disciplinary action is being determined. The disciplinary guidelines for students outlined in established rules for grades kindergarten through five and grades six through 12 shall be considered before administrative action is taken. The list of weapons is illustrative only and is not intended to be an inclusive listing of all weapons or look-alike weapons as defined in this policy. In all cases, administrative discretion shall be used after reviewing the circumstances of the incident and these guidelines. Action other than that suggested in the guidelines may be recommended dependent upon the actual facts surrounding the incident.

If a student possesses a weapon or look-alike weapon in violation of this policy, the weapon shall be confiscated by the Superintendent or building administrator, reported to the student's parent/guardian and forwarded to law enforcement officers.

A violator who is not a student of the Monona Grove Schools shall be subject to appropriate response by the district including referral to law enforcement officers.

The following are exceptions to this policy:

1. Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel acting within their scope of employment.
2. Weapons that are registered and handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education and are authorized, in writing, by the building administrator. Requests for such activities must be submitted, in writing, at least three school days prior to the event/activity with permission granted, in writing, by the building administrator prior to the event/activity.
3. Weapons properly registered and handled during the community use of facilities for school sanctioned purposes may be permitted. Requests for such purposes must be submitted, in writing, two weeks prior to the event/activity with permission granted, in writing, by the building administrator prior to the event/activity.

This policy shall be published annually in all district student and staff handbooks.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes  
948.60  
948.605  
948.61  
Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CROSS REFERENCES: Board Rule 832 (1), Monona Grove Weapons Guidelines (Grades Kindergarten through Five)  
Board Rule 832 (2), Monona Grove Weapons Guidelines (Grades Six through 12)  
Board Policy 447.1, Use of Physical Force by Staff  
Board Policy 447.2, Student Suspensions/Expulsions  
Employee Agreements

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