POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ITEMS

Background

The safety of students, staff, parents and visitors is a primary concern for the school. Students are prohibited from bringing weapons or potentially dangerous items to school unless authorized by the Principal for instructional purposes within approved programs.

Procedures

1. The Principal, in cooperation with staff, shall develop procedures for dealing with the possession of weapons or potentially dangerous items by students in school and make these known to the student body.

1. The Principal shall conduct a search of school property or student property if she/he has reason to believe weapons or potentially dangerous items may be in the possession of a student. The Principal may also request the RCMP's assistance with conducting a search.

2. Where a serious threat to safety exists, the police shall be called to deal with the situation.

3. Staff members, in attempting to remove weapons from an individual's possession shall exercise due care for the safety of themselves, students and others.

4. Where a weapon has been removed from an individual and where it has been necessary to inform the police regarding the possession of a weapon under this policy, the Principal shall inform the parents and Superintendent in writing.

5. Weapons taken from students or others shall be disposed of forthwith as follows:

    5.1   Weapons taken from students or other individuals shall be immediately turned over to the Principal.

    5.2   The Principal shall contact the police with respect to disposition of any dangerous weapons.

6. Possession of a weapon may, depending on specific circumstances, be grounds for suspension and a recommendation for expulsion, subject to Administrative Procedure 335 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students.

7. The possession and use of laser pointers by students is prohibited.

Reference: Section 12, 20, 24, 25, 45, School Act
Cross-Reference: Administrative Procedure 335 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students