

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Guns and Firearms - Students:

Any student who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code in a safe school zone as defined in RSA 193-D:1 without written authorization from the Superintendent or designee will be expelled from school by the local school board for a period of not less than 12 months. This expulsion may be modified by the Board as recommended by the Superintendent upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law.

Pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act, the Board requires the Superintendent to contact local law enforcement authorities and the Division of Children and Youth Services and notify them of any student who brings a firearm or weapon on school property.

Weapons under control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

All students can access this policy on the school website.

Other weapons:

For the purposes of this policy, "weapon" includes but is not limited to: slung shot, metallic knuckles, billies, knives, electric defense weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), aerosol self-defense spray weapons (as defined in RSA 159:20), and martial arts weapons (as defined in RSA 159:24).

"Weapon" is further defined as any device, instrument, material, or substance that when used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Weapons are not permitted in school buildings, on school property, in school vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities.

Student violations of this policy will result in both school disciplinary action and notification of local law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent or other building administrator will exercise their best judgment in determining the scope of this policy as it relates to inadvertent or unintentional violations of this policy by adults or students, provided such inadvertent or unintentional violation of this policy does not affect the safety of students, school staff, or the public.

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Reference: JICI-R

Legal References:

18 U.S.C. § 921, Et seq., Firearms

20 U.S.C. § 7151, Gun-Free Schools Act

RSA 193:11, Disturbance

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Students

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317, Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Including Procedures Assuring Due Process

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