



Section: *Classified Employees*

Title: *Firearms, Ammunition and Other Weapons*

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511 - Firearms, Ammunition and Other Weapons

Purpose

The Colonial School District (“District”) believes there are inherent risks and consequences in allowing employees, independent contractors providing services to the District, or members of the general public who have occasion to go onto District property to possess or transport weapons, firearms or ammunition (“Weapons”) on school property, and it is doubtful that there would be any benefit in employees, independent contractors, or members of the general public in bringing Weapons onto school grounds that would outweigh the detriment to students, other employees, the academic atmosphere and society in general.

Therefore, it is the intention of the District to prohibit employees, independent contractors providing services to the District, or any member of the general public who is on school property from possessing or transporting any Weapon on any school property unless the Board of School Directors specifically authorizes such a person to carry a Weapon. This prohibition will include not only illegally carried Weapons, but concealed and unconcealed Weapons carried with a license.

Definitions

“School Property” includes the buildings of, on the grounds of, or in any conveyance providing transportation to or from any elementary or secondary publicly funded educational institution, any elementary or secondary private school licensed by the Department of Education or any elementary or secondary parochial school.

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“Weapon” is anything readily capable of lethal use and possessed under circumstances not manifestly appropriate for lawful uses which it may have. The terms include a firearm which is not loaded or lacks a clip or other component to render it immediately operable, and components which can readily be assembled into a Weapon.

Notwithstanding the definition of Weapon in Section 907, “weapon” for purposes of this Policy also shall include, but not be limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchuck stick, firearm, shotgun, rifle and any other tool, instrument, or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

“Firearm” is any pistol, revolver, shotgun or rifle.

Notwithstanding the meaning of firearm in Section 6102, a firearm means “any weapon which will or 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 instrument; and firearm muffler or firearm silencer, or any destructive device.

“Destructive Device” means any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including, but not limited to, any bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine, or device similar to any of the aforementioned instruments.

No Weapon of any kind may be carried by any employee, independent contractor performing services to the District on school property, or any member of the general public without the expressed permission of the Board of School Directors. . The sole exception to this restriction applies to weapons which may be displayed by faculty members to students for instructional purposes. Under such circumstances, the Principal must authorize the instructional activity which requires such a display. Persons may not possess, own, transfer, or transport Weapons on District property whether done so illegally or with a license. This provision shall not apply to federal, state, or local law enforcement officials involved in carrying out their official duties, any security guards engaged by the District for the purposes of having security on school premises, school police officers duly approved by the Board of School Directors, or construction workers, custodians, maintenance, and other employees who are required to carry tools, cutting instruments, or cutting tools that are arguably capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

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