

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: WEAPONS
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218.1. WEAPONS	
1. Purpose	The Antietam School District has made a strong and determined effort to maintain its schools as safe and secure places where students and staff can pursue the educational endeavors our children deserve. To further that effort, Antietam School District has adopted this policy with the purpose of prohibiting students from being in possession of weapons on school property and providing procedures for investigation and notification in the event of a report of, or suspicion of the presence of, a weapon on school property.
2. Definitions SC 1301-A, 1317.2	<p>Weapon - the term shall include but not limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, replica of a weapon, shotgun, rifle and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; and under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2 Pol. 218	The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school district buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school.
SC 1317.2 Pol. 233	The Board shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law and Board policy. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.
SC 1317.2 20 U.S.C Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 113.1	The Superintendent shall, in the case of an exceptional student, take all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Board policy.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning weapons on school property. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and inform the student's parent/guardian.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The building principal shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or administrative regulations to be followed.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p><u>Transfer Students</u></p> <p>When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.</p>
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1</p> <p>Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p> <p>Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations –
34 CFR Part 300

Board Policy – 113.1, 218, 233