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### **8467 FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**

The Board of Education prohibits the possession, use, or exchange of any firearm or weapon in any school building, on school grounds, at any school sponsored event, and on school sanctioned transportation except as the possession and use of a firearm or weapon is authorized by law and required in the performance of the possessor's duty.

For the purpose of this Policy, "weapon" means items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(r), except a firearm as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f). For the purposes of this Policy "firearm" means those items enumerated in N. J. S. A. 2C: 39-1f and 18 U. S. C. 921.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3(b), whenever a school employee develops reason to believe a firearm, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f) and 18 USC §921, or other deadly weapon, whether enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(r), except a firearm as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f) and 18 USC §921, has unlawfully been brought onto school grounds or a student or other person is in unlawful possession of a firearm or other deadly weapon on or off school grounds, or a student or other person has committed an offense with or while in possession of a firearm on or off school grounds or during school operating hours, the matter shall be reported as soon as possible to the Principal or designee, or in the absence of the Principal or designee, to the staff member responsible at the time of the alleged violation. Either the Principal or designee or the responsible staff member shall notify the Superintendent, who in turn shall notify as soon as possible the county prosecutor or other law enforcement official designated by the county prosecutor to receive such information. The Superintendent or designee shall provide to the county prosecutor or designee all known information concerning the matter, including the identity of the student or staff member involved.

The Building Principal and/or their immediate supervisor shall conduct an appropriate search in accordance with Policy 5770 – Student Right of Privacy and, if appropriate and feasible, and confiscate any firearm or weapon discovered in the course of the search., The Building Principal and/or their immediate supervisor may summon the aid of law enforcement officials in the conduct of the search. Any school employee who confirms the presence of a firearm or weapon under circumstances that place persons at serious risk may confiscate the weapon immediately and may use such force as is reasonable and necessary to obtain possession.

Unless the firearm or weapon has been taken into custody by a law enforcement official, the Building Principal and/or their immediate supervisor shall immediately secure the confiscated firearm or weapon in a secure and locked location and report the presence of the firearm or weapon to the Superintendent. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3(b), The Superintendent shall promptly notify local law enforcement that a firearm or weapon is present on school premises; and request removal of the firearm or weapon by an authorized law enforcement official. The Superintendent shall obtain and file a receipt for any firearm or weapon removed by a law enforcement official.



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Any student who possesses, uses, or exchanges a firearm or weapon in violation of this Policy shall be subject to stringent discipline. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3(b), any student or school employee who suspects or knows of the presence of a firearm or weapon in violation of this Policy and fails to report the same shall be subject to discipline. Any person who possesses a firearm or weapon on school premises or school transportation or at a school-sponsored function shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The Board shall immediately remove a student who is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for possession of a firearm on school grounds; convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a crime while in possession of a firearm on school grounds; or found knowingly in possession of a firearm on school grounds from the school's general education program for a period of not less than one calendar year, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.5(a) and Policy and Regulation 5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses.

The Board shall immediately remove a student who commits an assault, as defined under N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1a(1), with a weapon, which includes, but is not limited to, items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(r), except a firearm as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f) and 18 USC §921, upon a teacher, administrator, other school board employee, district Board of Education member, or another student on school grounds, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2.2 through 2.5, from the school's general education program for a period not exceeding one calendar year, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.6(a) and (b) and Policy and Regulation 5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses.

Students with disabilities violating the provisions of this Policy shall be addressed in accordance with the provisions of Policy No. 2460 and Regulation No. 2460.6.

Nothing in this Policy shall be construed to prohibit the reporting of a crime committed by a child with a disability to the appropriate law enforcement or judicial authorities, or to prevent such authorities from exercising their responsibilities with regard to the application of federal or state law to crimes committed by a child with disabilities.

The procedures for removal, from and return to the general education program of a student for firearms offenses and assaults with weapons offenses shall be in accordance with Policy and Regulation 5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses and Policy and Regulation 5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses.

The Superintendent, or designee, shall prepare regulations to implement this Policy for the guidance of school staff in dealing with incidents involving firearm or weapons in the school district.

The school district's reporting requirements to law enforcement officials and the handling of firearms and weapons outlined in this Policy and Regulation 8467 and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4 shall be in addition to any reporting and handling requirements included in the current Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.



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N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(a)1; 2C:39-1-2C:58-6.1; 2C:58-15  
N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:37-2.2; 18A:37-2.3; 18A:37-2.4; 18A:37-2.5  
N.J.S.A. 23:4-16  
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.8 et seq.; 6A:16-5.5; 6A:16-5.6; 6A:16-6.3; 6A:16-6.4  
Chapters 127 and 128 of 1995, The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act  
18 U.S.C- 921  
20 U.S.C- 1415

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### **R 8467 FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**

- A. Definitions – N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3
1. “Weapon” means items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(r), except a firearm as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f).
  2. “Firearm” means items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1(f) and 18 USC §921.
  3. “School grounds” means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and vehicles, when used for the provision of academic or extracurricular programs sponsored by the school district or community provider. School grounds also includes school buses, school-sponsored functions, structures that support the buildings, such as school district wastewater treatment facilities; generating facilities; and other central service facilities including, but not limited to, kitchens and maintenance shops. School grounds also includes other facilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2, playgrounds, and recreational places owned by municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of the land.
- B. Reporting to Law Enforcement – N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3
- a. Either the Principal or designee or the responsible staff member shall immediately notify the Superintendent, who in turn shall notify as soon as possible the county prosecutor or other law enforcement official designated by the county prosecutor to receive such information.
  - c. All incidents shall be reported under N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3 utilizing the Student Safety Data System, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.3(e)1, where appropriate.
  3. The Principal shall safeguard the weapon until a law enforcement officer takes custody of it.
- C. Handling of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons – N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.4
1. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.4(b), whenever a school employee seizes or comes upon a firearm or dangerous weapon, school officials shall:
    - a. The Principal shall place the firearm or weapon in a secure and locked location.
    - b. In the event any person other than the Principal is permitted access to the firearm or dangerous weapon prior to its retrieval by a law enforcement official, that person shall enter their name and signature on the record



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along with the time and date of inspection and the reason for the access. Access to the firearm or dangerous weapon will be permitted only in the presence of the Principal.

- c. The law enforcement official who takes custody of the firearm or dangerous weapon shall be required to sign and date the record to indicate their receipt of the firearm or dangerous.
3. The Principal shall provide to the law enforcement official who takes custody of the firearm or dangerous weapon:
    - a. All information concerning the manner in which firearm or dangerous weapon was confiscated;
    - b. The identity of all persons who had custody of the firearm or dangerous weapon following its confiscation; and
    - c. The identity of any student or staff member believed to have been in possession of the firearm or dangerous weapon.