

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 an approved program.

Procedures

1. The Principal, in cooperation with staff, shall develop procedures for dealing with students in possession of weapons or potentially dangerous items in school and make these procedures known to the student body.
 - 1.1 The possession and use of laser pointers by students is prohibited.
2. Where a weapon or a potentially dangerous item has been found to be in the possession of a student, it shall be immediately confiscated by school staff.
 - 2.1 Staff members, in attempting to remove weapons from an individual's possession, shall exercise due care for the safety of themselves, students and others.
3. Where a weapon has been removed from an individual and/or where the Principal has informed the police regarding the possession of a weapon, the Principal shall also inform the parents and the Superintendent forthwith.
4. Weapons confiscated from students or other individuals shall be immediately turned over to the Principal. In the event of a firearm or possible explosive, the police shall be contacted immediately to provide assistance and deal with the matter.
5. Where a student has been found to be in possession of a weapon or a potentially dangerous item, the Principal shall contact the parents and request that they come to the school to take the student home. The Principal may determine if the item should be returned to the parent or turned over to the police.
6. The Principal shall undertake appropriate disciplinary action in the event that a student has violated these procedures. Depending upon the nature of the offense, possession of a weapon may be grounds for suspension or a recommendation for expulsion, subject to *Administrative Procedure 310 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students*, and Sections 31, 197, 36, 37, 53, 52, 222 Education Act

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Reference: Sections 31, 197, 36, 37, 53, 52, 222 Education Act
 AP 305 – Student Conduct
 AP 310 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students
 Criminal Code of Canada