

Policy

JICI Weapons in School

Purpose: To prohibit weapons in schools.

Objects which may be used to inflict bodily harm or death shall not be allowed on any school or district property or at any school sponsored event. These objects include, but are not limited to:

- firearms
- knives
- razors
- box cutters
- metal knuckles
- slingshots
- Tasers or stun guns
- pepper spray
- bludgeons
- blackjacks

This prohibition shall apply on school grounds, in school buildings, on buses, or at school-related functions. Vehicles parked on school property, may not contain any of the aforementioned items.

Weapons (Firearms)

Note: The following is directed specifically by the Gun-Free Act **20 U.S.C. § 7151 (2014)**.

Any student who brings or has possessed a firearm onto school property, a school bus, a district related or school related function, or any setting under the jurisdiction of the district may be expelled for one calendar year (12 months). A firearm is generally defined as a gun or destructive device and will be interpreted in accordance with the state and federal law.

Violators will incur school disciplinary action and penalties under the law.

Federal Law:

Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, **20 U.S.C. § 7151 (2014)**.

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 16-23-420 – Possession of firearm on school property; concealed weapons.

Section 16-23-430 – Concealed weapons, school property exception.

Section 59-63-235 – Expulsion of student determined to have brought a firearm to school.

Section 59-63-370 – Definition of a weapon.