

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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218.1. WEAPONS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Old Forge Board of Education recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school environment is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p> <p>All students have a right to be educated in a safe environment; all employees have a right to work in a safe environment; and the community has a right to expect a safe school environment.</p> <p>The possession of weapons, facsimiles or look-alikes on school premises threatens the safety of our entire school community.</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to prevent and prohibit the possession, transmission, handling or use of any weapon, facsimile or look-alike on school property, at school sponsored events, and in school vehicles by any student, employee or other person.</p>
2. Definitions SC 1317.2	<p>Weapon – An instrument of any kind that can be used to cause harm to an individual(s). This includes but is not limited to handguns, rifles, shotguns, spring guns, air guns, slingshots, bludgeons or clubs, brass or artificial knuckles, knives, pocketknives, swords, any explosive, including ammunition, dangerous chemicals, razors or any instrument which in the judgment of the administration, could be used as a weapon or mistaken for one. Thus imitation weapons are included.</p> <p>Possessing – A student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while s/he is 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 on his/her way to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2	<p>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 and/or private conveyance providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity.</p>

<p>SC 1317.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The school district 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 school district policy. The Superintendent may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>P.L. 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq</p>	<p>In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.</p> <p>When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for any offense involving a weapon, the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment may not exceed the expulsion period.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The building principal shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents, the Superintendent and to local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon on school grounds to the Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall take the necessary actions to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>Acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> <p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</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>

