

Series 5000 – Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

C. Activities

(1) Conduct

(n) Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The Suffield Board of Education is concerned for the safety and welfare of all students and school personnel in school and at school-sponsored activities. For this reason, the Board prohibits possession and/or use of weapons or other dangerous instruments in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity. Such weapons include, but are not limited to, any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun or spring gun; slingshot; bludgeon; brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind; knives having a blade of greater than two inches, any knife the blades of which can be opened by a flick of a button or pressure on the handle, or any pocketknife where the blade is carried in a partially opened position; martial arts weapon; destructive device.

The possession or use of any such weapon will require that the proceedings for the suspension and/or expulsion of the student involved will be initiated immediately by the principal. If the student is found to have possessed a firearm or other dangerous weapon as defined by C.G.S. 53a-3 in violation of 29-35 or 53-206, in or on the real property of a school or at any school activity as defined in C.G.S. 10-233a, he/she must be expelled for one calendar year. The Board of Education or hearing board may modify the period of expulsion on a case-by-case basis. All legal restrictions and requirements will be adhered to pertaining to special education students.

The Board shall consider a student's conduct off school grounds that is seriously disruptive of the educational process or is violative of publicized policies of the Board as grounds for expulsion.

Further details of the Weapons and Dangerous Instruments policy can be found in Board of Education Discipline policy #5144.

(cf. 5114 – Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5145.12 – Search and Seizure)

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