



SECTION: 535

TITLE: WEAPONS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I.	The Board believes weapons in school district facilities present a threat to the	1
2	INTRODUCTION	health, safety, and welfare of students, employees and visitors on the school	2
3		district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district,	3
4		and cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment.	4
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6	II. DEFINITIONS	Weapon – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting	6
7		instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, and/or any other	7
8	SC 1317.2	tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.	8
9		“Look alike” or replicas of weapons will be treated as a “weapon” for	9
10		purposes of this Board Policy.	10
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12		Possessing – a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found	12
13		on the person of the student; in the student’s locker; under the student’s	13
14		control while s/he is on school property, on property being used by the school,	14
15		at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the	15
16		school; or while the student is on his/her way to or from school.	16
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18	III. AUTHORITY	The Board prohibits students from possessing weapons in any school district	18
19	SC 1317.2	buildings, on school property, in any school-sponsored activity, and on any	19
20		vehicle provided by the district providing transportation to or from school or	20
21		a school-sponsored activity.	21
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23		Any student who possesses, uses or transfers a weapon on school property or	23
24		during a school function shall be expelled for a	24
25		period of not less than one year in accordance with applicable law. Such	25
26		expulsion shall comply with the formal due process proceedings required by	26
27		law. The Superintendent may recommend modifications to an expulsion on a	27
28		case-by-case basis.	28
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30	SC 1317.2	In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent or designee shall take	30
31	20 U.S.C.	all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities	31
32	Sec. 1400 et seq	Education Act.	32
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2	IV.	The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any	2
3	DELEGATION OF	weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and	3
4	RESPONSIBILITY	inform the student's parent/guardian.	4
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6	SC 1302.1-A	The Superintendent or designee shall report all incidents relating to expulsion	6
7	SC 1303-A	for possession of a weapon to the Department of Education.	7
8	SC 1317.2		8
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10	V.	An exception to this policy may be made by the Superintendent, who shall	10
11	GUIDELINES	prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.	11
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13	SC 1317.2	In accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zone Act, possession or	13
14	18 U.S.C.	discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is	14
15	Sec. 921, 922	prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement	15
16		agency.	16
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18		When the school district receives a student who transfers from a public or	18
19		private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon,	19
20		the district may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may	20
21		provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the	21
22		expulsion period.	22
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