

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

DATE: February 23, 2006

SUBJECT: Board Policy 218.1 Weapons

INITIATED BY: John Hansen, Principal

DESCRIPTION:

The attached Weapons Policy 218.1 is presented for your approval. The policy has been reviewed by Mr. Sennett, Solicitor, and was presented at the January 26, 2006 Operating Committee.

(Board Policy Formulation is Policy No. 009)

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve Board Policy 218.1 – Weapons as presented.

SECTION PUPILS

TITLE WEAPONS

ADOPTED December 19, 1996

REVISED February 23, 2006

Erie County Technical School

218.1 WEAPONS

1. Purpose

The Operating Committee recognizes the importance of a safe school environment 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.

2. Definitions

Weapon – the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, straight razors and razor blades, nunchaku stick, brass or metal knuckles, firearm, shotgun, rifle, bb or pellet gun, look-a-like gun, chemical agent, noxious, irritating or poisonous gases, including mace and pepper spray, explosive device, bombs, missiles, chains, and/or any other tool, instrument, ~~or~~ implement or object capable of inflicting serious bodily injury, designed for protection or designed to harm others, or any object intended by the student to do bodily injury or threat of bodily injury to another.

The term "firearm" means any instrument which will or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such instrument; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device.

The term "destructive device" means any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including but not limited to, any bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine, or device similar to any of the aforementioned instruments.

3. Authority

SC 1317.2

The Operating Committee prohibits possession of weapons and replicas of weapons in any school district building, on school property, at any school sponsored activity, and in any public conveyance providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity.

Act 26
of 1995
SC 1317.2
Pol. 233

The school 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. The Director may recommend discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

A student who attempts to assemble or create a weapon while on school property is also subject to this policy.

P.L. 91-230
20 U.S.C.
Sec. 1400
et seq

In the case of an exceptional student, the Director shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Act.



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4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Director shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents and to local law enforcement officials.

The Director shall report all incidents relating to expulsions for possession of a weapon on school grounds to the Department of Education.

The Director or a 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.

Acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office for Safe Schools on the designated form once per year, as required.

5. Guidelines

Students and staff shall be informed concerning this policy at least annually.

An exception to this policy may be made by the Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.