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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Regulation of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons on School District Property

Unless specifically authorized by this policy, it is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school district property, or district-provided transportation. This prohibition applies to any facility owned, rented, or leased by the district. If the district leases or rents part of a property for district use, firearms and dangerous weapons are prohibited on any portion of the premises where the district has the right of exclusive use.

Carrying a dangerous weapon onto school district premises, district provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school district activities in violation of RCW 9.41.280 is also a criminal offense unless specifically authorized by state law. It is the policy of Everett Public Schools that the presence of firearms and other dangerous weapons in the workplace or educational environment is to be minimized as much as possible. As such, the following activities are prohibited by this policy regardless of whether such possession would violate state law, and regardless of whether the weapon is secured in a vehicle or possessed by a person with a concealed weapons permit:

1. No district employee may bring any firearm or dangerous weapon onto any school district property without prior authorization of the superintendent.
2. No person or entity renting, leasing, or otherwise being granted the right to temporarily use school district-owned property may possess, or allow its guests to possess, firearms or dangerous weapons on district-owned property.

The superintendent or designee is directed to ensure that all school and district facilities post “Gun-Free Zone” signs, and that all violations of this policy and RCW 9.41.280 are reported annually to the superintendent of public instruction.

### Dangerous Weapons

The term Dangerous “dangerous weapons” under state law includes but are not limited to: sling shots, sand clubs, metal knuckles, daggers, dirks, spring blade knives, nun-chu-ka sticks, throwing stars, air guns, stun guns, and devices intended to injure a person by an electric shock.

- Any firearm;
- Any device commonly known as “nunchaku sticks,” consisting of two (2) or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- Any device, commonly known as “throwing stars,” which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- Any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;

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- Any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- Any device, object, or instrument that is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- The following instruments:
  - Any dirk or dagger;
  - Any knife with a blade longer than three (3) inches;
  - Any knife with a blade that is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device;
  - Any knife having a blade that opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; and
  - Any razor with an unguarded blade;
- Any slung shot, sandbag, or sandclub;
- Metal knuckles;
- A sling shot;
- Any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club;
- Any explosive; and
- Any weapon containing poisonous or injurious gas;
- Any implement or instrument that has the capacity to inflict death and from the manner in which it is used, is likely to produce or may easily and readily produce death.

In addition, the district considers the following weapons in violation of this policy:

- Any knife or razor not listed above, except for instruments authorized or provided for specific school activities; and
- Any object other than those listed above that is used in a manner to intimidate, threaten, or injure another person and is capable of easily and readily producing such injury.

## Reporting Dangerous Weapons

### Students

If the district believes that a student has violated this policy, an appropriate school authority will promptly notify the student's parents/guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy.

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Students who have possessed a firearm on any school district premises, district-provided transportation, or school-sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled for not less than one (1) year pursuant to [RCW 28A.600.420](#). The superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion for a firearm on a case-by-case basis.

Further, the district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one (1) year if the student acts with malice (as defined under [RCW 9A.04.110](#)) and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.

## Staff

If a district employee believes that another district employee has violated this policy, the employee will report their concerns to an appropriate school or district authority for further inquiry. Any disciplinary action of an employee who willfully violates this policy will be subject to [Policy 5270](#), Disciplinary Action and Discharge, and/or the provisions of an applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.

## Exceptions

The following persons may carry firearms into school district buildings, as necessary, although students engaged in these activities are restricted to the possession of rifles on school premises restriction above does not apply to:

- A. Persons engaged in **district-authorized** military, **or** law enforcement, or **School Resource Officer school-district security** activities;
- B. Persons involved in a ~~school~~ district **superintendent** authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety course;
- C. Persons competing in ~~school~~ district **superintendent** authorized firearm or air gun competitions; **and**
- D. Any federal, state or local law enforcement officer;

The following persons who are over eighteen (18) years of age, not employed by the district, not renting or leasing school district facilities, and not enrolled as students, may possess firearms outside of school district buildings on school district property under only the following limited circumstances:

- A. Persons with concealed weapons permits issued pursuant to [RCW 9.41.070](#) who are picking up or dropping off students; and
- B. Persons conducting legitimate business at the school or district and in lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon if the weapon is secured within an attended vehicle, is unloaded and secured in a vehicle, or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle. Pursuant to [RCW 9.41.050](#), no one may lawfully possess a loaded handgun in a vehicle unless the person has a valid concealed pistol permit.
- E. ~~Any person in possession of a pistol or other firearm who has been issued a license or is exempt from the licensing requirement by [RCW 9.41.070](#), while picking up or dropping off a student, provided that the firearm is not taken onto school district property;~~

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~~F. Any nonstudent at least eighteen (18) years of age legally in possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon that is secured within an attended vehicle, or concealed from view within a locked unattended vehicle, while conducting legitimate business while on school district property provided that the firearm or dangerous weapon is not taken out of the vehicle; or~~

G. Persons ~~possessing~~ may bring dangerous weapons, other than firearms, onto school district premises if the weapons are lawfully within the person's possession and are to be used in a school-authorized martial arts classes ~~authorized to be conducted on school district property.~~

## Reporting Dangerous Weapons

~~School or district officials will promptly notify the student's parents/guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy will be subject to discipline. Students who have possessed a firearm on any school premises, school-provided transportation, or school-sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled for not less than one year pursuant to [RCW 28A.600.420](#). The superintendent may modify the one-year expulsion for a firearm on a case-by-case basis.~~

~~The district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one (1) year if the student acts with malice (as defined under [RCW 9A.04.110](#)) and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.~~

~~No expulsion under [RCW 28A.600.420](#) prevents the district from continuing to provide educational services in an alternative educational setting in compliance with [RCW 28A.600.015](#). Any alternative setting should be comparable, equitable, and appropriate to the regular education services a student would have received without the exclusionary discipline. Example alternative settings include one-on-one tutoring and online learning.~~

## Gun-Free Zone Signs

~~The superintendent or designee is directed to see that all school and district facilities post "Gun-Free Zone" signs, and that all violations of this policy and [RCW 9.41.280](#) are reported annually to the superintendent of public instruction.~~

## Personal Protection Spray

Persons over eighteen (18) years of age, and persons between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years of age with written parental or guardian permission, may possess personal protection spray devices on school district property. No one under eighteen (18) years of age may deliver such devices. No one eighteen (18) years or older may deliver a spray device to anyone under fourteen (14), or to anyone between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) who does not have parental permission.

Personal protection spray devices may not be used other than in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission, or use of personal protection spray devices under any other circumstances is a violation of district policy.

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Cross references:

[Board Policy 3240](#)

[Board Policy 3300](#)

[Board Policy 4333](#)

[Board Policy 6112](#)

~~Student Conduct Expectations and  
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Student Discipline

Non School Use of Buildings, Grounds and  
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Rental, Lease, or Use of Surplus District  
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Legal references:

[RCW 9A.16.020](#)

[RCW 9.41.250](#)

[RCW 9.41.280](#)

[RCW 9.91.160](#)

[RCW 9.94A.825](#)

[RCW 28A.600.420](#)

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