

# DANGEROUS WEAPONS

### Background

The Division is committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff within Division schools and during school related activities.

The Division expects schools to have a student education program which deals with the effects of violence on the individual and on society.

The Division prohibits the possession of a weapon on a student's person or in a student's locker or desk.

### Definition

A weapon is anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing death or injury to any person, or for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.

### Procedures

1. Principals will annually inform, in writing, all students, parents and staff members of the administrative procedures on the possession of dangerous weapons at school or at school related activities.
2. Students who are suspected of having possession of a weapon on their person or in their locker or desk while in attendance at school or a school related activity shall be immediately reported to the Principal. The Principal shall suspend the student and recommend to the Superintendent that the student be expelled. The incident shall be recorded and the parent and the Superintendent shall be advised, in writing, of the incident and the actions taken and/or recommended.
3. In all situations involving weapons at school or at school related activities, the staff shall be cognizant of the Criminal Code of Canada. The local police authorities/outside agencies shall be notified and asked to become involved as warranted and/or required by law.

Reference: Section 45, 60, 61, School Act

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