

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure a safe school environment for students, school personnel, and the public.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. A dangerous weapon means any gas, liquid, or other substance or instrumentality, which in the manner used, is likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

B. School Location includes any school building or grounds, whether leased, rented, owned or controlled by the school, locations of school activities or trips, bus stops, school buses or school vehicles, school-contracted vehicles, the area of entrance or departure from school premises or events, all locations where school-related functions are conducted, and anywhere students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.

C. Possession means having a weapon on one's person or in an area subject to one's control in a school location.

III. POLICY

A. No student or nonstudent, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a dangerous weapon when in a school location except as provided in this policy.

B. Firearm-Free Zone:

1. A "firearm-free zone" is an area inclusive of any school campus and within one thousand feet of any such school campus, and within a school bus, wherein the possession of firearms is prohibited, except as specifically set forth in R.S. 14:95.6(B) and R.S. 14:95.2(C)

2. Exceptions include, but are not limited to:

a. A federal law enforcement officer or a Louisiana-commissioned state or local Post Certified law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm.

b. A school official or employee acting during the normal course of his employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or employee.

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- c. Any person having the written permission of the principal or as provided in R.S. 17:3361.1.
 - d. The possession of a firearm in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1 or 1379.3.
 - e. Any constitutionally protected activity which cannot be regulated by the state, such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.
- C. Any object in the form of a weapon, whether it be imitation, facsimile, or a toy, shall be banned from all school locations and activities.
- 1. The uninvited presence of an imitation, facsimile, or toy weapon on school campuses may cause confusion, fear, and disruption to the academic goals and educational process.
 - 2. Any student violating this policy may be suspended for a duration as determined by the principal and/or recommended for expulsion.
- D. Student Consequences:
- 1. If found in possession of a weapon, a student shall be immediately suspended out-of-school, shall have the weapon confiscated and parent/guardians and law enforcement shall be immediately notified.
 - 2. Listed as a Major infraction in *Student Policy 5502*, any student who brings a weapon to school shall be expelled for a period of up to one year.
 - a. This consequence may be modified on a case-by-case basis, as determined by Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish's Governing Board.
 - 3. Should a student be expelled from Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish and decide to transfer to another school after the period of expulsion end, the student's weapons violation shall be disclosed to the school in connection with the possible admission of the student.

D. Nonstudent Consequences

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1. Any member of the public who violates this policy shall be informed of the policy and asked to leave the school location.
2. Depending on the circumstances, the person may be barred from future entry to school locations.
3. In addition, if the person is a student in another school district, that school district may be contacted concerning the policy violation.
4. If appropriate, law enforcement will be notified of the policy violation by the member of the public and may be asked to provide an escort to remove the member of the public from the school location.

Legal References: 14:2, 14:95, 14:95.2, 14:95.6, 17:416, 17:416.3

Related Documents: [Discipline Policy 5502](#)