

**Weapons on School Premises
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District**

The Wrightstown Community School District strives to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions. To aid in reaching that goal, the District shall enforce a policy that no person shall possess nor use a dangerous weapon on school premises, including locked vehicles on school grounds and parking lots, on school buses or at any school-related event; unless the weapon is under the control of law enforcement personnel acting within the scope of employment; or with the knowledge of the building principal for demonstration or educational purposes.

A “dangerous weapon” is defined as a firearm (whether loaded or unloaded), BB or pellet gun, gun ammunition, explosive devices, nunchaku or other martial arts instruments, metal knuckles, razor, knife, chain, club, container of tear gas or a similar substance used to cause bodily discomfort, or a look-alike / facsimile weapon such as a toy or other object which could be reasonably mistaken for an actual dangerous weapon and which is intended to and / or capable of intimidating, alarming, threatening someone or for use to inflict bodily harm.

According to Wisconsin State Statute (948.605), any person who knowingly possesses or goes armed with a dangerous weapon on school premises is guilty of a Class I felony. Any person violating this policy shall be subject to school disciplinary action and shall be referred to law enforcement officers.

Under Wisconsin State Statute (175.60), state-issued licenses permitting certain private individuals to lawfully carry a handgun or certain other weapons in various public places do not permit the possession, carrying and/or use of such weapons in schools or on school premises. According to Wisconsin State Statute (948.605), a person who is licensed to carry concealed weapon may possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school or school property, with expressed authorization by the District, if the firearm is not loaded and is encased or in a locked firearms rack in a motor vehicle.

Any violations to the policy will be referred to law enforcement officials for possible prosecution for violation of state or federal laws, local, city or village ordinances relating to the possession of use of firearms or other dangerous weapons. In addition to prosecution, students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion, in accordance with established state laws and District procedures.

District employees found in violation of this policy will also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, and shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution under applicable state laws.

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References: Wisconsin State Statute 948.605, 941.23, and 175.60