

DANGEROUS WEAPONS

The Jackson Parish School Board shall authorize the principal of each school to automatically suspend any student found in possession of a dangerous weapon on the school grounds, on school buses and/or at any school-sponsored event, at any time, during or after regular school hours, with limited exception, who shall be required to attend a hearing of the parent, student, principal, and Superintendent or his/her designee, at the Jackson Parish School Board office within ten (10) school days of the beginning of the suspension. Until a due process hearing is held, the student will remain on suspension. A principal shall recommend expulsion for any student found in possession of a dangerous weapon on the school grounds, on school buses and/or at any school-sponsored event, at any time, during or after regular school hours, with limited exception. 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. When the student is found in possession of a weapon, the Superintendent shall be immediately notified and the principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action.

If a student is detained for carrying a concealed weapon on campus, the principal shall immediately notify the parents or guardian, by telephone, of any student found in violation of this policy. If the parents or guardian cannot be reached by phone, the principal shall then notify them of the action by sending a letter and/or the suspension form within twenty-four (24) hours. Care shall be given to afford due process to all students.

If a student is detained for carrying, or the principal or designee confiscates or seizes a firearm or concealed dangerous weapon from a student while on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function, the principal or school official shall immediately report the detention of the student or seizure of the firearm or weapon to the police department or sheriff's office where the school is located and shall deliver any firearm or weapon seized to that agency.

The failure of any principal or designated administrator to report the confiscation of such implement or material or the failure to retain and secure such implement or material may result in a misdemeanor. When a principal or designated administrator violates any provisions of this policy, a report on such violations shall be made by the complainant to the Superintendent. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall conduct a hearing on the alleged offense.

FIREARM-FREE ZONES

It is unlawful for a student or non-student to intentionally possess a firearm or dangerous weapon on school property at a school sponsored function or within 1000 feet of school property or while on a school bus at any time. The area surrounding the school campus or within 1000 feet of any such school campus, or within a school bus shall be designated *firearm-free zones*. The School Board, in cooperation with local governmental agencies,

and the Louisiana Department of Education, shall designate and mark *firearm-free zones* which surround all schools and school property.

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Ref: 20 USC 7151 (*No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, Sec 4141); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 14:2, 14:95, 14:95.2, 14:95.6, 17:416, 17:416.3; Board minutes, 12-2-02.