

NORTHERN TIER CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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218.1. WEAPONS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p>
<p>2. Definitions SC 1301-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possession - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student, in the student's locker, under the student's control while on center property, on property being used by the center, at any center function or activity, at any center event held away from the center, or while the student is coming to or from the center.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1317.2, 1850.1 Pol. 218</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any center buildings, onto center property, to any center-sponsored activity, and onto any vehicle providing transportation to center or a center-sponsored activity, or while the student is coming to or from the center.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee shall, in coordination with the school district of residence, expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Administrative Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 113.1</p>	<p>In the case of a student with disabilities, the center shall take all steps required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Joint Operating Committee policy, in cooperation with the student's school district of residence.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805</p> <p>SC 1302.1-A, 1317.2</p> <p>SC 1303-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession of a weapon. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall immediately report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and inform the student's parent/guardian.</p> <p>The Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Administrative Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> <p>This policy shall not apply to the possession or use of a tool or instrument as part of an authorized course.</p> <p><u>Transfer Students</u></p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>When the center receives a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the center may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912

Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151

Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations –
34 CFR Part 300

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 113.1, 218, 233, 805