

DANGEROUS ITEMS IN THE SCHOOL

The board recognizes the importance of establishing and maintaining a safe and orderly school environment for students, staff, and community. Students must feel safe and secure in the school setting to benefit from the educational program.

The possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in school buildings, vehicles, or on school premises is a Class I misdemeanor and is strictly prohibited by this policy. (This does not include law enforcement officers.)

A dangerous weapon is defined as any firearm, air gun, knife, instrument, object, destructive device, explosive material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, that is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily injury.

Any student who brings an item fitting the above definition onto any school premises, vehicle, or building leased for any school function, activity, or event shall be expelled for not less than twelve months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. Any student who threatens to inflict death or serious bodily injury by way of written message, verbal message, telephone message, internet, or e-mail message will be subject to the same consequences. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend to the school board that the expulsion requirement be modified on a case by case basis but may not increase the length of the period of expulsion.

LEGAL REFS.: SDCL 13-32-4.2; 13-32-7; 22-1-2
Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382