

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

P O L I C Y

SECTION	TITLE	NO. 4050
HEALTH/SAFETY	<u>Weapons</u>	

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The Board of Education believes that students, staff and volunteers have the right to a safe and secure school environment.

The Board of Education shall consider the possession or use of any weapon or simulated weapon by anyone on or near school premises to be a serious threat to the school environment and to the safety of students and staff. The Board of Education shall take appropriate action or lay charges against any individuals involved.

R E G U L A T I O N S

The policy statement will be communicated to students and parents at the beginning of each school year.

It is expected that administrators shall use their professional judgment in applying this policy. Serious violent incidences as per the Violent Incident Report form must be documented as indicated and reported to the student's parents. (attached).

Where an administrator reasonably believes that a person on or near school premises is in possession or has used a weapon, or simulated weapon, the administrator shall:

- a. immediately notify the police and the Superintendent or designate
- b. make reasonable attempts to minimize the risk of injury to any person

Resultant consequences will range from school disciplinary action to charges being laid by the police depending on specific circumstances.

WEAPON DEFINITION

"Any instrument designed to inflict injury or intimidate another person, or any instrument that is used in this manner."

Criminal Code of Canada, Sec. 82: "Weapon" means:

- a) "anything used or intended for use in causing death or injury or not, or
- b) anything used for threatening or intimidating any person, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes any firearm as defined in Section 82."