

No person, including someone with a state-issued concealed carry license, shall use or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, any destructive device, or other dangerous weapon (as defined under [section 948.61](#) of the state statutes) in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the school district, on school premises, in school-provided transportation, or at any school-supervised and school-controlled activity, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy.

The following are exceptions to the policy prohibition:

- This prohibition does not apply where state law prohibits a school district from restricting any individual's right to possess a firearm or other weapon in a location covered by this policy (e.g., a law enforcement officer who is acting in his/her official capacity and who possesses a firearm or other weapon that was issued and approved by the officer's employing agency; certain individuals 21 years of age or older who are licensed to carry a concealed weapon who have stored a licensed handgun that is unloaded and encased in their motor vehicle parked on school grounds).
- Any qualified current law enforcement officer who is off duty or any qualified former law enforcement officer may possess a properly licensed firearm provided that the individual meets all applicable conditions specified in the state and federal gun-free school zone laws.
- The District Administrator or designee may allow a weapon on school premises for purposes of demonstration or educational presentations. This approval must be in writing and granted prior to the weapon being brought to the school. The weapon shall be maintained in the possession of the principal except during the actual demonstration or presentation.

Any student who possesses a firearm or destructive device in violation of this policy shall be suspended from school, referred for an expulsion hearing and expelled from school for not less than one year. The Board of Education may modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. Students possessing other weapons in violation of this or any other policy or rule shall be subject to appropriate school disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion from school. A parent or guardian with access to student records will be notified of student weapons violations in all cases. When required by federal law, a law enforcement or juvenile justice referral shall also be made for any student who violates this policy.

Employees violating this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with employee policies, agreements and handbooks and referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Any other person violating this policy shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution.

The District Administrator or designee shall determine the appropriate means of informing students, employees and the public of this policy, including any specific notice(s) that are required under applicable law.

## Legal References:

### Wisconsin Statutes

<a href="#">Section 118.07</a>	[school safety plans]
<a href="#">Section 118.31</a>	[use of reasonable force to obtain weapon]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(1)</a>	[board authority for rule-making]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(1)(bm)</a>	[state law suspension mandate for possession of a firearm]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(1)(c)2m</a>	[state law expulsion mandate for possession of a firearm]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(1)(g)</a>	[board authority to modify expulsion mandate on case-by-case basis]
<a href="#">Section 120.13(38)</a>	[board authority to permit hunting in the school forest]
<a href="#">Section 175.60</a>	[license to carry a concealed weapon]
<a href="#">Section 941.23</a>	[carrying a concealed weapon]
<a href="#">Section 943.13</a>	[criminal trespass law, includes provisions related to carrying firearms]
<a href="#">Section 948.60</a>	[possession of dangerous weapon under 18 years of age]
<a href="#">Section 948.605</a>	[gun-free schools zones]
<a href="#">Section 948.61</a>	[dangerous weapons other than firearms on school premises]

### Federal Laws

<a href="#">Gun-Free Schools Act</a>	[student possession of firearms prohibited; student referral to law enforcement/juvenile justice system required in policy]
<a href="#">18 U.S.C Sec. 921(a)</a>	[federal definition of “firearm” (including destructive devices) that is used within the Gun-Free Schools Act and within section 120.13(1)(c)(2m)]
<a href="#">Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</a>	[programs and services for students with disabilities; includes authority to order change of placement for weapons possession]

### Cross References: Employee Handbook

Adopted: 2/11/02

Revised: 5/12/08, 6/12/17