

Administrative Regulation

AR 5131.7

Students

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Knives: any dirks, daggers or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3-1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade (Education Code 48915)
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure or spring action, or any spot marker gun (Penal Code 626.10)
5. Any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, especially those defined in Penal Code 12020, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
6. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm (Education Code 48900)

Note: The following optional paragraph suggests actions to be taken by an employee who is aware that a student is in possession of an injurious object. Pursuant to Education Code 49334, a school employee who initially contacts a law enforcement agency about any person possessing an unauthorized weapon or dangerous instrument on campus cannot be subject to any civil or administrative proceeding, including any disciplinary action, for doing so, notwithstanding any district policy or regulation to the contrary. The employee must follow any other requirements of district policy or regulation upon notifying the law enforcement agency. See BP 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security for language regarding employee reports of adults possessing injurious objects.

If an employee knows that a student possesses any of the above devices, he/she shall immediately notify the principal, superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

When informing the principal, superintendent or designee about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances.

The principal or superintendent will report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, including imitation firearm, to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and will follow this notification with a letter.

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