

Policy Statement: Weapons are strictly prohibited on Western School District property and they are not to be taken onto properties where school-related events are being held.

1. Application

This policy applies to all students, employees, visitors, and properties of the Western School District and school-related events regardless of location, with the exception of law enforcement authorities acting in an official capacity.

2. Rationale

The Western School District is committed to and obligated to provide a safe, caring and healthy school environment for students, staff and parents. The school environment must be free from the fear and danger associated with the presence of weapons on school property in order for schools to thrive as safe learning communities.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 Weapon (as defined by the Criminal Code of Canada) - "means anything used, designed to be used or intended for use (a) in causing death or injury to any person, or (b) for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes a firearm"

4. Procedures

- 4.1 All incidents involving a weapon must be reported to the RCMP/RNC immediately. The Director of Education (or designate) shall be informed at the same time.
- 4.2 A student who brings a weapon to a school location/school-sponsored activity will be suspended pending full investigation by the Western School District.
- 4.3 Students and other individuals may only have in their possession, and/or use, objects which are approved for school programs (e.g., props for drama productions).
- 4.4 All incidents involving weapons shall be investigated by the principal, in consultation with the RCMP/RNC.

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