DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS	Adopted: 11/25/2003	Policy No. 7-229* Page 1 of 1

The Board of Education determines that possession and/or use of a weapon by a student is detrimental to the welfare and safety of the students and school personnel within the district. Possession and/or use of any dangerous or deadly weapon in any school building on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. Such weapons include but are not limited to any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun or spring gun**;** knives; slingshot; bludgeon; brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind; any knife the blades of which can be opened by a flick of a button or pressure on the handle, or any pocketknife where the blade is carried in a partially opened position; box cutters; martial arts weapon; destructive device. Pursuant to federal law, the term firearm includes, but is not limited to, any weapon designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or destructive device. A student who violates this policy will be reported to law enforcement authorities.

The possession or use of any such weapon will require that the proceedings for the suspension and/or expulsion of the student involved will be initiated immediately by the principal. If the student is found to have possessed a firearm or other dangerous weapon as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 53a-3 in violation of 29-35 or 53-206, in or on the real property of a school or at any school activity as defined in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233a, he/she must be expelled for one calendar year. The Board of Education or hearing board may modify the period of expulsion on a case-by-case basis. To comply with federal law, any finding of an exception shall be reduced to writing. All legal restrictions and requirements will be adhered to pertaining to special education students.

The Board shall consider a student's conduct off school grounds that is seriously disruptive of the educational process or is violative of publicized policies of the Board as grounds for expulsion.

Connecticut General Statutes : 10-221, 10-233a through 10-233f, PA 95-304, 53a-3, 53a-217b, 53-206, PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety; Goals 2000: Educate America Act; 18 USC. 921 Definitions; USCA 7151 – No Child Left Behind Act

Requirements: Gun Free School Act of 1994)

PA 95-304 An Act Concerning School Safety.

PA 96-244 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Education Statutes.