

Prohibition of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

No employee, student, contractor, volunteer, director, or other person acting under the direction of or on behalf of ESD 112 shall carry onto, or possess, firearms or other dangerous weapons as defined in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of this policy or applicable laws, on or in ESD 112 premises, public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school- or ESD 112-provided transportation, or areas of facilities which are owned, leased, used, or controlled exclusively by ESD 112 or by public or private schools. There are no exceptions to this prohibition applicable to any employee, student, contractor, volunteer, director, or other person acting under the direction of or on behalf of ESD 112.

ESD 112 officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, and/or students may be required to travel to and do work for numerous Washington school districts. While on the premises, or using vehicles or facilities of any school districts, or while on property owned, leased, or controlled by school districts (whether or not currently being used for school purposes), ESD 112 officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, and/or students must follow all school district policies and procedures as well as this policy.

To the extent that any school district has a more restrictive policy or procedure regarding firearms or dangerous weapons than are reflected in this policy, the more restrictive policy and procedure shall be followed.

Definitions

"Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile or projectiles may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.

A "dangerous weapon," for purposes of this policy, is defined as including any of the following:

- a. Any firearm;
- b. any "look-alike" firearm, defined as any object that is a facsimile of a real firearm, manufactured or otherwise created in such a form or with such attention to detail that an ordinary, prudent person could reasonably mistake if for a firearm, even if it is unloaded or with the firing mechanism removed or inoperable;
- c. any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle, designed to propel a BB, pellet, or other projectile by the discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas;
- d. any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse;
- e. any device commonly known as "nun-chu-ka sticks," consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope, or other means;
- f. any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or spring blade knife, or any knife the blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device or any knife having a blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement;

- g. any dagger, dirk, sword, knife or other cutting or stabbing instrument, club, or any other weapon apparently capable of producing bodily harm, in a manner, under circumstances, and at a time and place that either manifests an intent to intimidate another or that warrants alarm for the safety of other persons;
- h. any device, commonly known as "throwing stars," which are multi-pointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect;
- i. any device, object, or instrument which is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse; or
- j. any other dangerous weapon, as defined in RCW 9.41.250

For purposes of this policy, possession of a knife or other bladed device or instrument that is used exclusively as a tool that is to carry out responsibilities for ESD 112 is not a violation of the policy as long as the device or instrument is not of the type described in subparagraph (f), above, and as long as it is not used or brandished in a manner prohibited under subparagraph (g), above.

Any contractor, agent or subcontractor who violates this policy will be considered to be in breach of contract, and is subject to immediate termination of the contract or work for the ESD.

To the extent that ESD 112 believes that violation of this policy may also be a violation of applicable state or federal laws, ESD 112 will refer the individual to law enforcement authorities.

Legal References:

*RCW 91.41 – Firearms and Dangerous Weapons.
RCW 9.41.250 – Dangerous Weapons – Penalty.
RCW 9.41.280 – Possessing dangerous weapons on school facilities.
RCW 9A.16.020 – Use of Force – When lawful.
WAC Chapter 44-14 Public Records Act - Model Rules.
RCW 28A.600.420 – Firearms on school premises, transportation, or facilities.*

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