

Stewart County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Weapons & Dangerous Instruments	Descriptor Code: 6.309	Issued Date: 11/18/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon¹ in school buildings
2 or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-
3 sponsored activity, function or event.

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5 Students shall not have a knife in their possession while going to or from school, while at school, or at
6 a school sponsored activity. A student in possession of a knife with a blade in excess of three (3) inches
7 at any of the above places will be considered in possession of a dangerous weapon.

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9 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to " . . . any firearm,
10 explosive, explosive weapon, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife,
11 blackjack, knuckles . . ." ¹

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13 Students who are found to have violated this policy shall be subject to suspension for a period of not less
14 than one (1) year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this suspension requirement
15 on a case-by-case basis. ²

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17 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the
18 student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.³

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33 Legal References:
34 1. TCA 39-17-1309; 18 U.S.C. 921
35 2. Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14601 (1)(2)
36 3. TCA 49-6-4209; Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14602 (a)

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33 Cross References:
34 Discipline Procedures 6.313
35 Suspensions 6.316

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