

**SUBJECT: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON UPON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any air-gun, spring-gun or other instrument or weapon in which the propelling force is a spring, air, piston or CO2 cartridge upon school grounds or in any District building without the express written authorization of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may, on a case by case basis, delegate its authority to authorize to possession of a weapon on school ground to the Superintendent of Schools.

Additionally, the possession of any weapon, as defined in the New York State Penal Code, on school property or in school buildings is prohibited unless written authorization is obtained from the Board of Education or its designee. The Board of Education expressly authorizes law enforcement personnel to possess a weapon on school property.

Unlawful possession of a weapon upon school grounds may be a violation of the New York State Penal Law, and is a violation of School District policy and the Code of Conduct.

Penal Law Sections 265.01-a, 265.01-265.06,  
265.20

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7360-- Weapons in School and the Gun-Free Schools Act