

# SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: WEAPONS

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317.1. WEAPONS	
<p>1. Authority</p>	<p>The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment to the educational process. Possession or use of weapons in the school environment is a threat to the safety of students and staff. Therefore, the use, possession or transfer of weapons by administrative, professional, confidential and support employees on school grounds, in school buildings or on school transportation shall be prohibited.</p>
<p>2. Definition 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p>	<p>For the purposes of this policy, <b>weapon</b> shall mean, but not be limited to, any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku stick, brass knuckles, fire arm, shotgun, rifle, BB or pellet gun, look-alike weapon, chemical agent, explosive device, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting bodily injury.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p>	<p>Employees shall be prohibited from possessing a weapon on school grounds, in a school building or in any school-provided transportation without authorization from the appropriate school administrator for use in conjunction with a supervised school activity or other lawful purpose.</p> <p>The building principal shall annually inform staff about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning weapons on school grounds, in school buildings, or on school transportation. Such action shall be in compliance with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving possession of a weapon on school grounds, in school buildings, or on school transportation to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulations.</p>

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2

Weapons on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912

Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922

Board Policy – 218.1, 317, 705, 707, 805, 904