

COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Possession of Weapons and Firearms By School Personnel, Parents/Guardians And Other Persons

School Personnel, parents/guardians and other persons are prohibited from bringing firearms or other weapons on school system property at any time or to any school system function or activity. Items forbidden shall include, but not be limited to the following: any weapon which will or is designated to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of any explosive, the frame or receiver of any weapon described above, and firearm muffler or firearm silencer, any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas (bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charger of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, fireworks/pyrotechnics of any class, mine, or similar device), any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of any explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter, any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled, knives, openers, metallic knuckles, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, double/triple/quadruple rings which are attached or connected in such fashion that they may be used as a weapon, explosive devices including fireworks of any description, any items which may be used as clubs, all sharp or pointed objects designed for use as weapons, or any other weapon, instrument or object.

Authorized law enforcement personnel are excluded from provisions of this policy.

Parents/guardians and other persons found in violation of this policy will be:

1. Placed on immediate suspension from employment pending an investigation, or from visitation or attendance at any school, or school system function or activity.
2. Referred to appropriate law enforcement or criminal justice authorities and/or in the case of an employee, brought before the Board of Education for disciplinary action.

Announcement of this policy shall be posted at every Board owned building and other property, as well as in the school handbook, and on the system web-site, so that school personnel, parents/guardians and the general public will be given adequate notice.