

## The School Board of Gadsden County

### Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

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#### 1217 - WEAPONS

The School Board prohibits administrative staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon, including a concealed weapon, in a school safety zone and any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District-owned vehicle.

An exception to this policy includes weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel. Another exception to this policy would be weapons possessed and/or used by students enrolled in the District's Junior ROTC Program while under the direct supervision of District staff members.

Weapons and firearms as defined in F.S. 790.001 and include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

For purposes of this policy, the term "weapon" also means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons.

This policy shall also encompass actions including, but not limited to, look-alike weapons and/or devices, false fire alarms, bomb threats, or intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

Administrative staff members shall report knowledge of the possession of dangerous weapons and/or threats of violence by students, staff members, or visitors to the Principal. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the staff member to discipline.

The Superintendent shall report any administrative staff member who violates this policy to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. The staff member shall also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, consistent with law, due process, and the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

F.S. 790.001, 790.115, 1001.43  
18 U.S.C. 922

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