

# Marion County Board of Education

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**Zero Tolerance Offenses**

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In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses will not be tolerated and shall be handled in accordance with Policy 6.313:

## **WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon<sup>1</sup> in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school sponsored activity, function or event. Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to " . . . any firearm, explosive, explosive weapon, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife, blackjack, knuckles . . ."<sup>1</sup> Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

### **Firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921)<sup>2</sup>**

In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possess a firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup>

## **DRUGS**

In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>4</sup>

## **BATTERY**

In accordance with state law, any student who commits battery upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school or school resource officer shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>4</sup>

## **ELECTRONIC THREATS**

Any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires administrative intervention. Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Any school employee, student or volunteer who witnesses or possesses reliable information that a student has transmitted by an electronic device any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee, as prohibited above, shall report such information to the principal or designated representative who shall report to the Director of Schools or designated representative.

## **NOTIFICATION**

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.<sup>5</sup>

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### Legal References:

1. TCA 39-17-1309
2. 18 U.S.C. 921
3. 20 U.S.C. § 8921; TCA49-6-4216(b);TCA 49-6-3401(g)
4. TCA 49-6-3401(g);TCA49-6-4216(b)
5. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312

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### Cross References:

- Discipline Procedures 6.313  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316