

Elizabethton Board of Education

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1 In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be tolerated:

2 **WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

3 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon on school
4 buses, on school property, or while on school sponsored outings.¹

5 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include but are not limited to a firearm or
6 anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily
7 injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious
8 bodily injury.²

9 Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

10 *Firearms*

11 In accordance with state law, any student who brings to school or is in unauthorized possession of a
12 firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The
13 Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
14 basis.⁴

15 **DRUGS**

16 In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled
17 substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored
18 event shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The Director of Schools shall
19 have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.⁵

20 **ASSAULT**

21 In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault⁵ or commits assault that
22 results in bodily injury⁶ upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school or
23 school resource officer shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The
24 Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
25 basis.⁵

26 **ELECTRONIC THREATS**

27 In accordance with state law, any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication
28 containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and

1 the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires
2 administrative intervention shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The
3 director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
4 basis.⁶
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6 **NOTIFICATION**

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8 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the
9 student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by
10 law.⁷

Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-1309
2. TCA 39-11-106(a)(5)
3. 18 USCA § 921; 20 USCA § 7961(b)(3)
4. TCA 49-6-4216(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)
5. TCA 39-13-102
6. TCA 39-13-101(a)(1); Public Acts 2018, Chapter No. 958
7. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312

Cross References

Code of Conduct 6.300
Drug-Free Schools 6.307
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316