

Decatur County 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 in school
4 buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school
5 grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.¹

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

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

11 *Firearms (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921)*³

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

15 **DRUGS**

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

20 **ASSAULT**

21 In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault as defined in § 39-13-102
22 upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school or school resource officer
23 shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have
24 the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.⁴

25 **ELECTRONIC THREATS**

26 In accordance with state law, any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication
27 containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and
28 the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires

1 administrative intervention shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The
2 director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
3 basis.⁵

4 **NOTIFICATION**

5 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the
6 student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by
7 law.⁶

Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-1309
2. TCA 39-11-106(a)(5)(A), (B)
3. 18 U.S.C. 921
4. TCA 49-6-4216(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)
5. TCA 49-6-4216(a)(2)(C)
6. TCA 49-6-4209; TCA 39-17-1312

Cross References

Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand
6.316