



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

WEAPONS POLICY

RATIONALE:

Every person in the St Mary's Parish School community has a right to feel safe and be safe. St Mary's Parish School strives to create an educational environment where everyone is respected, accepted, included and free from fear or threat. A weapon free and safe environment will enable all members of the community to reach their full potential.

VALUE:

St Mary's Parish School is a Catholic School committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for its community. The environment should reflect Christ's desire for a peaceful community that solves conflict without weapons.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Maintaining and promoting the safety and well-being of people who are central to the teachings of the catholic faith tradition. We are committed to upholding the health, safety and well fare of the community of St. Mary's Parish School.

ACTIONS:

Any incident of a person bringing any weapon onto the schoolgrounds or school locations are to immediately be reported to the school executive.

Definition

A. "Weapon"

1. A "weapon" means any object, device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or which may be used to inflict self-injury including, but not limited to, any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; air guns; pellet guns; BB guns; all knives; blades; clubs; metal knuckles; explosives; fireworks; incendiary devices; mace and other propellants; stun guns; ammunition; poisons; chains; arrows; incapacitation and audio alert devices; and objects that have been modified to serve as a weapon.

2. Devices or instruments having the appearance of a weapon including, but not limited to, weapons listed above which are broken or non-functional, look-alike guns and/or toy guns.

3. Lasers or laser pointers, belts, combs, pencils, files, scissors, etc. shall be considered weapons if they are used to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate and such use will be treated as the possession and use of a weapon.

B. "School Location" includes any school building or grounds, whether leased, rented, owned or controlled by the school, locations of school activities or trips, school buses or school vehicles, school contracted vehicles, the area of entrance or departure from school premises or events, all locations where school-related functions are conducted, and anywhere students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.

C. "Possession" means having a weapon on one's person or in an area subject to one's control in a school location.

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