

## AP 3312: Possession of Weapons or Explosives

The purpose of this procedure is to protect students and staff of SD8 from the misuse of dangerous weapons or objects within district buildings, on grounds or on buses.

### Procedures

1. A person will not possess, handle, use, display on school grounds, or transport to school grounds any object that can be considered a weapon or an explosive, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1.1. Firearms (including replicas)
  - 1.2. Knives
  - 1.3. Batons
  - 1.4. Brass knuckles
  - 1.5. Clubs
  - 1.6. Martial arts devices
  - 1.7. Fireworks or other incendiary devices
  - 1.8. Pepper spray (bear spray)
2. Items that are considered a weapon or explosive will not be permitted at any school or school-related activity, function, or event.
3. The possession or use of other objects not generally considered weapons may be prohibited when the principal or designate determines that the object present a danger to any student, school employee, or to school property.
4. When a weapon has been confiscated or it is discovered that a person possesses a weapon, the police will be advised (see AP 300.6- Searches of Students). When deemed necessary by the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) interdisciplinary team, schools will conduct a violence and risk assessment on any student who is in possession of a weapon.
5. Students or staff who violate this procedure may be disciplined in alignment with the District and School Codes of Conduct. Member of the public may be subject to AP: 1315 Maintenance of Order or be referred to the police.
6. The principal will ensure that all staff, students and their parents or guardians are fully apprised of this procedure at the beginning of each school year.
7. Some students and staff may wear items in observance of their religious beliefs. Such students and staff have a responsibility to communicate these practices to the principal or supervisor.
8. Students and staff who wear a Kirpan must alert the principal or supervisor who will then advise such students and staff about appropriately retaining and concealing the item.