

**STUDENTS**

**BP 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments**

The County Board of Education desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board, therefore, prohibits students from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school.

If a student possesses, sells, or otherwise furnishes a firearm at school, or at a school event, that student shall be expelled for one calendar year from the date the expulsion occurs. Upon ordering the expulsion, the Board may, on a case-by-case basis, set a time less than one year.

Under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff, and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, or any other weapon, sells, or otherwise furnishes a firearm, or any other weapon, at a school event.

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