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It is the policy of the District that no student, school personnel, visitor or other person shall bring or possess a firearm, simulated firearm, destructive device, or other deadly weapon on District property or at any school functions, except as otherwise provided for herein.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. DEADLY WEAPON: Means, but is not limited to, a firearm, explosive or incendiary material, motorized vehicle, an animal or other device, instrument, material or substance, which in the manner it is used or is intended to be used is reasonably capable of producing death or serious bodily injury, or as defined by applicable law.
2. DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE: Shall mean any device intended to ignite or discharge in an explosive or incendiary fashion, or expel gaseous or other materials in a noxious or harmful manner, or as defined by applicable law.
3. DISTRICT: Shall mean Sheridan County School District #2.
4. DISTRICT PROPERTY: Shall mean any school building, playground, facility, bus, vehicle, or any other property owned, leased, or used by the District.
5. FIREARM: Shall mean any handgun, rifle, shotgun, starter gun or other weapon designed to expel a projectile by action of an explosive, compressed air or other gas, or as defined by applicable law.
6. SCHOOL FUNCTIONS: Shall mean any function or event sponsored, in whole or in part, by the District, or which is attended by school personnel, representatives, agents or students for school purposes.
7. SCHOOL PERSONNEL: Shall mean any person employed in any capacity or who performs any services for or on behalf of the District.
8. SERIOUS BODILY INJURY: Shall mean bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes miscarriage, severe disfigurement or protracted loss or

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impairment of the function of any body member or organ, or as defined by applicable law.

9. SIMULATED FIREARM: Shall mean any device which so closely approximates the appearance of a firearm as defined by this policy that it is reasonably foreseeable that such device will be mistaken for a firearm.
10. STUDENT: Shall mean any person who is presently a student of the District, any exchange student or a student from any other school system visiting or temporarily on District property for any reason.
11. VISITOR OR OTHER PERSON: Shall mean any parent, school personnel from other districts, states, or school systems, student from other districts, states, or school systems, or any other person not meeting the definition of school personnel or student under this policy.

EXCEPTIONS

1. This policy shall not prohibit the display or use of a simulated firearm or weapon, or any firearm or weapon which is incapable of firing or discharging, so long as such use or display is for a legitimate educational purpose. Display or use must be pre-approved by the principal of any school where such display or use is contemplated.
2. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to prohibit a police officer, sheriff, sheriff's deputy, federal law enforcement agent or other state or federal law enforcement agent from being present on District property and in possession of a firearm or deadly weapon.

PENALTIES

1. STUDENTS: Any student violating this policy may be suspended or expelled as provided by law.
2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL: Any person meeting the definition of school personnel under this policy, and who violates this policy, may be suspended, dismissed, terminated or otherwise disciplined as provided by law.
3. VISITORS OR OTHER PERSONS: Any visitor or other person meeting the definition of such under this policy, and who

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violates this policy, may be removed from District property or any school function, either temporarily or permanently, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, building Principal, or his/her designee.

Such individuals may also be subject to criminal prosecution as provided by law.

Reference:

W.S. 21-4-305

W.S. 21-4-3-6

W.S. 6-1-104(a) (iv)

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