

THE Riveredge School

Weapons on School Grounds Policy

The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School (ROLES) Governance Council prohibits students from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by ROLES including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by ROLES, a school-sponsored event, or in a ROLES vehicle, to the extent permitted by law without the permission of the ROLES Administrator.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms (including, but not limited to, firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3), guns of any type whatsoever, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, (subject to the exceptions below) razors, with unguarded blades, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

The ROLES Administrator will refer any student who violates this policy to the student's parents and may also make a referral to the law enforcement. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Policy exceptions include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel while on duty, or qualified former law enforcement officers, off duty law enforcement officers, or out-of-state law enforcement officers;
- B. items pre-approved by a building administrator, as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, including, but not limited to Hunters' Education courses, if used for the purpose and in the manner approved (working firearms, except those protected at all times by a cable or trigger lock, and live ammunition will never be approved);
- C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings;
- D. a knife lawfully used for food consumption or preparation, or a knife used for a lawful purpose within the scope of the student's class work.

Any student who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this policy shall report to the ROLES Administrator or the supervisor of the activity immediately. The report should include as much detail as possible concerning the person(s) involved, the weapon, the location of the person(s), and how this information was obtained.

No student is to confront the person possessing the weapon, but a staff member has the option of confronting the person if the staff member believes the risk of injury to self or others is minimal or if immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to any person.

This policy will be published annually in all ROLES student and staff handbooks. Publication is not a precondition to enforcement of this policy.

Legal References:

Legal

120.13(1), Wis. Stats.

943.13, Wis. Stats.

948.605, Wis. Stats.

948.61, Wis. Stats.

18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)

18 U.S.C. 922

20 U.S.C. 7151

Adopted by ROLES Governance Council:

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