

LAS LOMITAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy

STUDENTS

BP 5131.7

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The Governing Board desires students and staff to be free from the fear and danger presented by firearms and other weapons. The Board therefore prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement 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.

Possession of Weapons

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.

Students possessing or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (20 USC 8922; Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10)

Upon written permission of the principal or designee, a student may possess a weapon on school grounds when necessary for a school-sponsored activity or class. The principal or designee shall inspect the weapon to ensure that necessary safety precautions have been taken.

Reporting of Injurious Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The strategy shall also include means of informing staff, students and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

Legal References on next page:

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Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35291 Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools
- 48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion
- 48902 Notification of law enforcement authorities
- 48915 Required recommendation for expulsions
- 48916 Readmission
- 49330-49335 Injurious objects

PENAL CODE

- 245 Assault with deadly weapon
- 417.2 Imitation firearms
- 417.4 Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting
- 626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995
- 626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception
- 653k Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies
- 12001 Control of deadly weapons
- 12020-12028.5 Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons
- 12403.7 Weapons approved for self-defense
- 12220 Unauthorized possession of a machinegun
- 12401 Tear gas
- 12402 Tear gas weapon
- 12403.7 Weapons approved for self-defense
- 12403.8 Minors 16 or over; tear gas and tear gas weapons

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6301-8962 Improving America's Schools Act, especially:
- 8921-8922 Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994

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