

## **Students**

### **Firearms, Dangerous Weapons and Destructive Devices**

The Brookfield Board of Education in a desire to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and out of concern for the safety and welfare of all students and school personnel in school, prohibits student possession and/or use of firearms, dangerous weapons destructive devices on school grounds, in any school vehicle, at any school sponsored activity, or off school grounds.

#### Definitions

“Dangerous weapon” is any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious injury.

“Destructive device” is considered any device with an explosive, incendiary or poison gas component or any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A destructive device does not include any device which is designed primarily for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing safety or similar device.

“Firearm” is any weapon designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon or destructive device.

“Gun-free school zone” is the area in or on school grounds or with 1,000 feet of school grounds.

Possession or use of a firearm, dangerous weapon, or destructive device on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity *shall be* punished by ten days of suspension followed by expulsion for one calendar year in accordance with Policy 5114, Removal, Exclusion, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. The building administration or superintendent shall file a formal complaint to the police if such an offense occurs.

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The Board of Education *shall* expel a student for one calendar year if the student, *off* school grounds possess a firearm in violation of CGS 29-35 or possesses and uses a firearm, dangerous weapon, or destructive device in the commission of a crime under Chapter 952.

A special education student's handicapping conditions shall be considered as per Policy 5114, Removal, Exclusion, Suspension, and Expulsion/Due Process, before making a decision to expel.

The Board of Education, or the hearing board may modify the period of expulsion on a case-by case basis.

The Superintendent shall ensure that students and parents or guardians of minor students are informed of this policy annually or at the time of enrollment of a transfer student.

Weapons under the control of school resource officers or other law enforcement personnel are permitted.

In accordance with the Federal Gun-free School Zone Act, possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone is prohibited. "Gun-Free School Zone" signs may be posted in cooperation with Brookfield Town Officials including the Director of Parks and Recreation as appropriate. Violations, unless otherwise excepted by law or this policy, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

cf: 5113, Truancy

5114 - Removal, Exclusion, Suspension/Expulsion. Due Process

5144-5131, Conduct/Discipline/Punishment

5131.1, Bus Conduct

5131.21, Violent and Aggressive Behavior

5131.5, Vandalism

5131.6, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

5145.12, Search and Seizure

5145.5, Sexual Harassment

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules.

10-233c Suspension of pupils.

10-233d Expulsion of pupils. Hearing format. Age limitation for the provision of an alternative educational opportunity; exceptions.

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53a-3 Definitions

53-206 Carrying and Sale of Dangerous Weapons

PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety

Gun-Free School Zones Act 1990, 18 U.S. cf 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2006)

GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. 103-227

18 U.S.c. 921 Definitions.

Youth Hand Gun Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. 922(x), 924(a)(6)(2006)

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 U.S.C. 7101-7117

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