

# CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: WEAPONS

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218.1. WEAPONS	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.
2. Definitions SC 1317.2	<p>Weapon - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>Possessing - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while on school property; on property being used by the school; at any school function or activity; at any school event held away from the school; or while the student is coming to or from school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2, 1850.1	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any vehicle providing transportation to school or a school-sponsored activity.
SC 1317.2 Pol. 233	The school shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Administrative Director may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.
4. Delegation of Responsibility P.L. 91-230 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq	In the case of a student with disabilities, the Administrative Director or designee shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
SC 1317.2	The Administrative Director and/or principal shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians and to local law enforcement officials.

<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>The Administrative Director and/or Principal shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon to the PA Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Administrative Director and/or Principal shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property. The memorandum of understanding will be reviewed and re-executed every year.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>Acts of violence or possession of a weapon in violation of this policy shall be reported to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form at least once each year.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>Students, staff and parents/guardians shall be informed at least annually concerning this policy.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Administrative Director, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p> <p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</p> <p>It is understood that various career and technical laboratories routinely use tools that, if improperly used, could be considered a weapon. Under no circumstances are these tools to be removed from their respective laboratories. School officials and staff members have the responsibility to emphasize their proper and intended uses.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>If the school chooses to accept a student who transfers from a public or private school during an expulsion period for an offense involving a weapon, the school may assign that student to an alternative assignment or may provide alternative education, provided the assignment does not exceed the expulsion period.</p>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p>	
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151</p>	