



DIVISION: PROGRAMS

PROG – 303

POLICY NAME

WEAPONS

POLICY STATEMENT

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) believes that safety is an essential element for learning and that students and staff must be free from fear and danger associated with the presence of weapons on school property.

BACKGROUND

The NLESD supports the Safe and Caring Schools Initiative of the Department of Education, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and its commitment to the Violence Prevention Initiative. The NLESD is committed to providing a safe, caring, and healthy school environment.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, employees, visitors and properties under the NLESD.

DEFINITIONS

WEAPONS

Anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing death or injury, or for threatening or intimidating any person (Criminal Code R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46). Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, knives, brass knuckles, bear spray, etc.

LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITIES

Local Emergency Response Authorities include local police (Royal Newfoundland Constabulary or Royal Canadian Mounted Police), fire department and health/emergency authorities and/or other designated community members.

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POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. The school administrator/designate shall be responsible for ensuring that this policy is communicated early in the school year to all staff, students, parents and community members.
2. All incidents involving weapons shall be investigated by the school administrator, in consultation with the local emergency response authorities.
3. All incidents involving weapons must be reported to the district office at the earliest possible opportunity.
4. A student who brings a weapon to a school location or a school-related event, will be suspended pending full investigation by NLESD staff.
5. Students returning to school subsequent to a suspension for weapons-related infractions will receive the supports needed to successfully transition back to school in a manner that is respectful and supportive of the District's Safe and Caring focus.
6. Students returning to school subsequent to a suspension for weapons-related infractions will be required to adhere to specific conditions when using equipment and tools authorized for use in instruction within schools and on school property. Inappropriate use of such equipment and tools will result in further disciplinary action.

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