

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION NO. 5131.7

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CLASSIFICATION: Students

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SUBJECT: Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

Prohibited weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, “zip guns,” “stun guns,” tasers, cane guns, camouflaging firearms, and any other device from which is expelled through a barrel and capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
2. Ammunition or reloaded ammunition
3. Knives, razor blades, and box cutters: any dirks, daggers (or concealed dirks or daggers), cane swords, ice picks, or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3½ inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, switchblade knives, and razors with an unguarded blade
4. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, rockets or rocket propelled projectile launchers, cap guns, bullets containing or carrying an explosive agent, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices or concealed explosive substances
5. Any instruments that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun
6. Any other dangerous device, instrument, or weapon, including those defined in Penal Code 16000-34370, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
7. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm

Any employee may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the district.

In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall use the employee’s own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall take one of the following actions:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

When informing the principal about the possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of the possession.

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

The employee shall retain possession of the instrument until the risk of its use as a weapon has dissipated or, upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, until the parent/guardian appears and personally takes possession.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

35291	Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools
48902	Mandatory notification of law enforcement authorities
48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
49330-49335	Injurious object
49390-49395	Homicide threats

PENAL CODE

245	Assault with deadly weapon
417.4	Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting
626.9	Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995
626.10	Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun guns; bringing or possessing in school
16100-17360	Definitions
22810-23025	Tear gas weapon (pepper spray)
25200-25225	Firearms; access to children
30310	Prohibition against ammunition on school grounds

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 6

665k	Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-7941	No Child Left Behind
7961	Gun-Free Schools Act