

<p align="center">DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Danbury, Connecticut</p>	<p align="center">REGULATIONS</p>	
<p align="center"><i>WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS</i></p>	<p>Approved by Board 11/25/2003 Revised 6/8/2004 Reviewed: 8/25/04</p>	<p>Policy No. 7-229 Page</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students shall not possess firearms, facsimiles of firearms, deadly or dangerous weapons, dangerous instruments, or martial arts weapons on school grounds or buildings, not on school buses, nor on any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school facilities. Firearms, weapons, and dangerous instruments shall include those defined by law. (18 USC 921, CGS 53a-3, 53-202 to 53-206, and 53-206c(a)(1). 2. Possession or use of such weapons or devices on school grounds or other areas under the control of the Board of Education may also be a violation of criminal law, and therefore any violation of this policy may be reported immediately to the local law enforcement agency, the Board of Education, and, if possible, the parent or guardian. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as well as possible legal action, provided that a student found to possess a firearm, instrument or a weapon shall be expelled. Certain off school grounds violations shall also lead to expulsion. 3. Any dangerous device or weapon may be seized by an employee of the school system under the power granted to the Board of Education to maintain order and discipline in the schools, and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public. 4. Every employee seizing any weapon or dangerous instrument under the provisions of this policy shall report the incident to the building Principal or designee immediately, and deliver the seized device to the Principal or designee together with the names of the persons involved, witnesses, location and circumstances of the seizure. 5. If an employee knows or has reason to suspect that a student has possession of such a device but has not been seized, the employee shall report the matter to the Principal or designee immediately, and the Principal or designee shall take such action as is appropriate. The Principal or designee shall report all violations of this policy to the Superintendent or designee, and to the local law enforcement agency. The Principal or designee must send to the Superintendent or designee a copy of all suspension letters for criminal actions resulting in a 5 or 10 days suspension. All employees are required by the Danbury Board of Education to be considered as a “mandated” reporter of knowledge of or reason to suspect that a student has possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument. 6. The Principal or designee must inform the Superintendent or designee by the next school day of a suspension involving weapons and dangerous instruments as defined by Board Policy 7-229. Within 48 hours after the suspension involving weapons and dangerous instruments, the Principal will submit to the Superintendent or designee the necessary documents recommending an expulsion hearing. 		

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<p>7. Whenever a student is expelled, notice of the expulsion and the conduct for which the student was expelled shall be included on the student’s cumulative educational record. Such notice, except for notice of an expulsion based on possession of a firearm or deadly weapon, shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the Board of Education if a student graduates from high school.</p> <p>8. The Board of Education shall submit to the Commissioner of Education information on expulsions for the possession of weapons as required for purposes of the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, 20 USC 8921 ET SEQ.</p> <p><u>DEFINITION OF TERMS</u></p> <p>1. Dangerous instrument means any instrument, article or substance that, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a “vehicle”. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(7).)</p> <p>2. Dangerous weapon means any sling shot, air rifle, BB gun, blackjack, sand bag, metal or brass knuckles, or any dirk knife, or any switch knife, or any knife having an automatic spring release device by which a blade is released from the handle, having a blade or stiletto, or box cutter, razor blades or any knife, or any martial arts weapon or electronic defense weapon, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument. (CGS Sec. 53-206.)</p> <p>3. Deadly weapon means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(6).)</p> <p>4. Electronic defense weapon means a weapon which by electronic impulse or current is capable of immobilizing a person temporarily, but is not capable of inflicting death or serious physical injury. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(20).)</p> <p>5. Expulsion means an exclusion from school privileges for more than ten consecutive school days and shall be deemed to include, but not limited to, exclusion from the school to which such student was assigned as the time such disciplinary action was taken, provided such exclusion shall not extend beyond a period of one calendar year. (C.G.S. Sec. 233a(e), P.A. 95-304)</p> <p>6. Facsimile of a firearm means (A) any nonfunctional imitation of an original firearm, which was manufactured, designed and produced since 1898, or (B) any nonfunctional</p>		

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<p>representation of a firearm other than an imitation of an original firearm, provided such representation could reasonably be perceived to be a real firearm. Such term does not include any look-a-like, non-firing, collector replica of an antique firearm developed prior to 1898, or traditional BB, or pellet-firing air gun that expels a metallic or paint-contained projectile through the force of air pressure. (CGS Sec. 53-206c(a) (1).)</p> <p>7. Firearm means any sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded from which a shot may be discharged. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(19).)</p> <p>8. Martial arts weapon means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo, octagon sai, tonfa or Chinese star. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(2 1).)</p> <p>9. Physical injury means impairment of physical condition or pain.(CGS Sec. 53a-3(3).)</p> <p>10. Possess means to have physical possession or otherwise to exercise dominion or control over tangible property. (CGS Sec. 53a-3(2).)</p> <p>11. Serious physical injury means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ. (CGS. Sec. 53a-3(4).)</p> <p>12. Vehicle means a “motor vehicle” as defined in Section 14-1, a snowmobile, any aircraft, or any vessel equipped for propulsion by mechanical means or sail.(CGS. Sec. 53a-3(8).)</p> <p><u>DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES</u></p> <p>Please refer to Board of Education Policy 7-230 and Regulations “<i>Suspension, Discipline and Expulsion of Students</i>”.</p> <p>Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: 4- 176e through 4- 185; 10-233a through 10-233f (as amended by PA 98-139); 29-35, 29-38, 53a-3, 53-206 53a-217b, PA 94-221; 18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions; PL 103-382 Elementary and Secondary Edu. Act. (Sec. 14601 - Gun Free Requirements: Gun Free School Act of 1994); PA 95-304 An Act Concerning School Safety; PA 96-244 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Education Statutes.</p>		