

# GREATER JOHNSTOWN CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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><b>Weapon</b> - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, brass or metal knuckles, firearm, shotgun, rifle, BB or pellet gun, look-a-like gun, paintball gun, chemical agent, explosive device, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p><b>Possessing</b> - 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 center shall recommend to the participating school district expulsion 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 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.

<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians, to home school authorities, and to local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall report all incidents relating to expulsion for possession of a weapon to the Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee 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 or at any school-sponsored activity.</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>Only those knives required by the trade, approved and/or issued by the instructor, shall be permitted. These knives are to be used or carried only in the assigned ship area.</p> <p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p> <p><u>Transfer Students</u></p>
<p>SC 1317.2</p>	<p>When the school receives 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>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1303-A, 1317.2

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq

Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922

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