

## SAFETY OF SCHOOL PREMISES AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES - DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Board of Education believes that all school premises, including buildings, grounds and school buses, should be maintained in a condition free of all weapons and other dangerous instruments. The Gun-Free Schools Act policy (P5535.1) defines student conduct and discipline with respect to weapons and destructive devices. This policy shall serve as a supplement to the Gun-Free Schools Act Policy, and shall address issues related to dangerous instruments that are brought, possessed or used on school premises or any school-sponsored activity.

No student, staff member or visitor shall bring, possess or use upon school premises a dangerous instrument as defined by this policy. "Dangerous instrument" shall be defined as any weapon or destructive device as described in the Gun-Free Schools Act Policy. In addition, a dangerous instrument is any object composed of a blade or cutting device that can cause serious physical injury to another person. An object that would be defined as a dangerous instrument by this policy, but is used under the supervision of school district personnel, or has been otherwise approved by the Superintendent of Schools through administrative regulation, shall not constitute a violation of this policy.

Facsimiles of weapons, destructive devices or dangerous instruments may also be prohibited on school premises under administrative regulations implemented by the Superintendent of Schools.

Violations of this policy may result in loss of possession of the weapon, destructive device, dangerous instrument or facsimile. In addition, persons not in compliance with the policy may be removed from school premises or arrested by local police authorities. Students in violation of this policy may be disciplined under Section 3214 of the Education Law.

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