



SAGE Academy

Policy # 501 – School Weapons Policy

The purpose of this policy is to assure a safe school environment for students, staff and the public. No student or non-student, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in a school location. Weapon means any object, device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or which may be used to inflict self-injury. This policy is not meant to interfere with instruction or the use of appropriate equipment and tools by students. Such equipment, when properly possessed, used and stored, shall not be considered in violation of the rule against the possession, use or distribution of weapons by students.

The school policy will recognize the seriousness of any offense involving a weapon consider a variety of approaches and consequences to hold the student accountable for his/her behavior, and take into account mitigating circumstances. The consequences for students possessing, using or distributing weapons may include, but are not limited to:

- Immediate out-of-school suspension
- Confiscation of the weapon
- Immediate notification of police
- Parent or guardian notification
- Recommendation to the Board Chairperson for dismissal/expulsion

Pursuant to Minnesota law, a student who brings a firearm to school will be expelled for at least one year. The school board may modify this requirement on a case by case basis.

When the student who violates this policy transfers to a new school, the SAGE Academy administration has the responsibility to inform that school of the weapons violation.