



Chilliwack School District
"Partners In Learning"

POLICY 515

WEAPONS

The Board recognizes its responsibility in ensuring a secure environment for members of the school community in which they will be safe from violence or intimidation. The possession, within the school environment, of any instrument designed to inflict injury or to intimidate another person, or the use of any instrument for the purpose of inflicting injury or intimidating another person, is a danger to all members of the school community and is detrimental to a positive climate.

The Board shall consider the possession or use of any weapon by anyone on or near school premises to be a serious threat to the school environment and to the safety of members of the school community. The Board directs all school personnel and requests other members of the school community who believe that such a threat exists, to take appropriate action.

The school community will be advised that weapons of any kind are prohibited on school premises and students who are found with knives, pellet guns, replicas of guns, or other dangerous objects on their person, in tote bags, purses, or in their lockers will be subject to disciplinary action. As well, the school community will be advised that carrying a concealed weapon is contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and that anyone convicted of such a charge is liable to imprisonment. All members of the school community will be encouraged to act as responsible citizens and to report any violation of the weapons policy.

DEFINITION: A weapon is anything that is commonly used or designed to hurt someone or to put someone in fear. The Board policy thus concurs with the definition of a weapon in the Criminal Code of Canada, Section 82:

"weapon" means (a) anything used or intended for use in causing death or injury or not, or (b) anything used or intended for use for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes any firearm as defined in Section 82.

Cross Refs: Student Behaviour Policy, Safe Schools Policy

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