



## **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES**

### **Statement of Policy for Possession**

It is the policy of the Board of Directors of The Charter school that any student who has in their possession (either on their person, in their purse, handbag, or backpack, or in their locker):

- A firearm;
- Explosives; or
- Any deadly or dangerous weapons as defined in section 921 of title 18 of the United States Code;

will be immediately suspended from school. If the suspension lasts more than two days, the administration of the building where the offense occurred will hold a Due Process hearing within five days of the incident to determine if the student's action merits a recommendation to the Board for expulsion, and shall make a written recommendation for expulsion to the Board, if appropriate. If petitioned for expulsion, the Board will hold such hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting, or at a special meeting, if the Board deems necessary.

The term "dangerous weapon," as stated in 18 U. S. C. section 930, means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length.

Additionally, any student who displays a dangerous weapon, or uses or threatens to use any other instrument or device as a weapon, including bullying and physical violence against another student or staff member, will be immediately suspended from school. The administration will hold a Due Process hearing within five days of the incident that led to the suspension. Depending on the circumstances involved, the administration may recommend that the Board expel the student.

Any student expelled under this section may not apply for re-admission for twelve months from the date of expulsion. If re-admission is granted after proper application, it will not occur until the start of the next grading term following approval of re-admission. If re-admission is granted after proper application, the student may be required to wait until the start of the next grading term following approval of re-admission.

It is also the policy of the Board that knives with a blade of any length are neither necessary to nor appropriate for the education space. Knives of any size are, therefore, prohibited. Accordingly, any student who has in their possession (either on their person, in their purse, handbag, or backpack, or in their locker) a knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length shall surrender possession of the knife to the administration until it can be safely returned to the parents/guardians of the student. Discipline for violations or repeat violations of this provision of the policy shall be at the discretion of the administration.



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### **Requirement for Parent/Student Signoff**

Building administrators are required to distribute a disclosure statement regarding this policy that the parents/guardians of students must sign when the student registers for the beginning of each school year.

### **Prohibition against Enrolling from Other School District**

It is also the policy of the Board that no student who has been expelled, or threatened with expulsion, by any other school district may enroll in The Charter school until such time as the penalty for said infraction would have expired had the student actually been expelled.

*Legal References: I.C. § 18-3302D Possessing weapons or firearms on school property  
18 United States Code § 930 Possession of firearms and dangerous  
weapons in Federal facilities*

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