Policy Title: WEAPONS Policy Code No. 502.10

School district facilities are not appropriate places for weapons, dangerous objects, or look-a-likes. Weapons, dangerous objects, or look-a-likes shall be taken from students and others who bring them onto the school district property or onto property within the jurisdiction of the school district or from students who are within the control of the school district. The Board of Directors believes weapons, dangerous objects, and look-a-likes in school district facilities cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors on the school district premises or property within the jurisdiction of the school district. Parents/guardians of students found to possess weapons, dangerous objects, or look-a-likes on school property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district or of students who are within the control of the school district shall be notified of the incident. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to the law enforcement officials, and the students will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion. Students bringing firearms to school or school sponsored events or knowingly possessing firearms at school or school sponsored events shall be expelled for not less than one year. Students bringing to school or possessing dangerous weapons, including firearms, will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for students on a case-by-case basis. For purposes of this portion of this policy, the term “firearm” includes, but is not limited to, any device which is designed to expel a projectile the frame or receiver of any such device, a muffler or silencer for such a device (including air guns), or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas. Weapons under the control of law enforcement officials, whether on-duty or off duty, in uniform or plain clothes, shall be exempt from this policy, this includes City of Newton and Jasper County Sheriff reserve law enforcement officials. The principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons, dangerous objects, or look-a-likes for educational purposes. Such a display shall also be exempt from this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

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