

SAFETY: DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

No student, employee, or visitor to the Town of Webb Union Free School District shall have in his/her possession upon school premises and/or at any school-sponsored activity firearm, knife, dangerous chemical, explosive, or any object which is not necessary for school activities and which could be used as a weapon capable of inflicting bodily harm. A firearm is defined as any instrument capable of firing a projectile, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a firearm muffler or silencer.

In addition to the above prohibition, no student, employee, or visitor to the Town of Webb Union Free School District shall have in his/her possession upon school premises and/or at any school-sponsored activity any look-a-like firearm or weapon.

In accordance with the Gun-Free Schools Act, a student found guilty of bringing a firearm, as defined in federal law, onto school property and/or at any school-sponsored activity after a hearing has been provided pursuant to section 3214 of the Education Law may be subject to at least a one-year suspension from school. However, after this penalty has been determined, the Superintendent of Schools will review the penalty and may modify such suspension on a case-by-case basis. If the Superintendent believes a one-year suspension penalty to be excessive, he/she may modify the penalty based on criteria including but not limited to the age of the student, the student's grade in school, the student's prior disciplinary record, the Superintendent's belief that other forms of discipline may be more effective, input from parents, teachers and/or others, and other extenuating circumstances.

A student found guilty of bringing any other weapon or look-a-like weapon onto school property and/or to any school-sponsored activity shall be disciplined in an appropriate fashion and in accordance with District procedures and applicable Education Law.

An employee of the Town of Webb Union Free School District found guilty of bringing a firearm, dangerous weapon, or look-a-like on school property and/or to any school-sponsored activity shall be subject to discipline under the provisions of applicable law and/or District policy. A visitor found possessing a firearm, dangerous weapon or look-a-like weapon on school property or at any school-sponsored activity shall be directed to leave school property and/or the school-sponsored activity and administration will take further action as necessary.

Suspended students within the age of compulsory attendance as defined by Education Law will be immediately provided appropriate alternative instruction outside of the school from which the student has been suspended for the duration of the suspension. Where a student has been classified as disabled pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in addition to the hearing required by Education Law, such student shall not be suspended in excess of 10 days unless the district extends such student the additional procedural protections required by IDEA in connection with a change of placement.

New York State Peace Officers and Police Officers are the only people permitted on school property to have a weapon in their possession.

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