

Dangerous Weapons Policy

The policy of Alva Independent School District I-001 toward dangerous weapons is a “zero tolerance” posture which absolutely prohibits the use and/or possession of dangerous weapons on school premises or at school functions. This policy on dangerous weapons is applicable to all students without regard to age or grade. For the definition/consequences of dangerous weapons, refer to the following list.

- * **Guns or Devices capable of discharging or throwing projectiles** B
The term as defined in this policy shall include but not be limited to (1) rifles, pistols, or shotguns of any caliber and /or; (2) BB guns or air pistols and/or; (3) potato throwers, paint ball guns, dart guns or blow guns and/or; (4) any other device the purpose of which is to throw, discharge and/or fire objects, bullets or shells.

The use, display or possession of any kind of gun, weapon or device capable of discharging or throwing projectiles, whether loaded or unloaded, on the campus, parking lots, premises or property of Alva Schools or during school sponsored activities, functions or events shall result in the immediate expulsion of all students involved for a period of time which shall be not less than one calendar year. However, the superintendent or designee may modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis for clearly extenuating circumstances.

Any student who aids, knowingly accompanies, assists, or participates with another student who uses, displays or possesses a gun or device capable of discharging or throwing projectiles in violation of this policy, shall also be subject to expulsion for not less than one calendar year.

- * **Facsimile of gun** B Any student who has a facsimile of a gun including a cap, toy, or water gun or any other item resembling a gun in his/her possession at school or any school-sponsored event will be disciplined as follows: (1) Parent/guardian will be notified; (2) The student may be suspended; (3) If harm or threat should occur, the student will be dealt with the same as having a gun.

- * **Knives, Weapons, or Other Dangerous Devices** B The term “knife, weapon or device” shall include but not be limited to (1) knives of all sizes and types; (2) brass knuckles, chains, clubs, and sharp instruments; (3) explosives, bombs, combustible fluids or materials, firecrackers, poisons, chemicals or spray paint and/or; (4) knives, weapons, or devices, the use, threat or purpose of which is to cause personal injury of property damage.

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1. The use, display or possession of ANY kind of knife, weapon or device capable of stabbing, cutting, injuring, maiming or disfiguring other persons OR damaging property, on the campus, parking lots, premises or property of Alva Schools or during school sponsored activities, functions or events may result in the following disciplinary action against all students involved. AND

2. Any student who aids, knowingly accompanies, assists or participates with another student who uses, displays or possesses a knife, weapon or device capable of causing personal injury or property damage in violation of this policy, shall also be subject to the same disciplinary action as the student who actually uses, displays, possesses or threatens to use such knife, weapons or device.

3. For students identified under (1) and (2) above, the following disciplinary actions are to result for all students involved:

* Warning: A warning will be given when the knife, weapon or device B (a) has not been displayed or used in a threatening manner and; (b) has not caused any harm, injury, destruction or damage and; (c) is a knife or device commonly used or carried by persons for use other than as a weapon and (d) no verbal threats to use such knife, weapon or device in an inappropriate manner have preceded the possession and (e) the student has no prior school disciplinary record of physical violence, aggression, injury, damage or threats.

* Suspension: Suspension for ten (10) school days shall occur under any of the following conditions B (a) if the student has previously been warned not to bring such knife, weapon or device on school property or to the school events; or (b) when the knife, weapon or device is one not commonly carried and is used, intended or designed for the purpose of causing physical injury or property damage; or (c) when the particular circumstances surrounding the use or possession posed a danger to persons or property.

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* Expulsion: Expulsion for not less than one year shall occur under any of the following conditions (a) when the knife, weapon or device was used or displayed in a threatening manner; or (b) when the knife, weapon or device has caused harm, injury, destruction or damage to persons or property; or; (c) when the student involved has threatened any other person with harm or physical injury with a knife, weapon or device; or (d) the student has a prior school disciplinary record of violence, aggression, injury, damage or threats.

Any custodial parent or guardian of a child under eighteen (18) years of age whose child commits the crime of possession of a firearm on school property may be fined not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00, or ordered to perform community service not exceeding forty (40) hours or both such fine and community service. To satisfy any community service requirement, the court may give preference to work which benefits the school said child attends. Said penalty shall be an administrative penalty and shall not be recorded on the custodial parent's or guardian's criminal record. The fine shall be payable to the court clerk to be deposited in the court fund. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the filing or prosecution of any criminal charge. (21-858) Sec. 488.2 Oklahoma School Law

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Cross Reference: