

**CAPITAL AREA  
SCHOOL FOR THE  
ARTS CHARTER  
SCHOOL (CASA  
CHARTER SCHOOL)**

SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: WEAPONS  
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218.1. WEAPONS	
1. Purpose	The Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) Board of Trustees (Board) recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.
2. Definitions SC 1301-A, 1317.2  18U.S.C. Sec. 930 20U.S.C. Sec. 1415	<p><b>Weapon</b> - the term shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.</p> <p>For students with disabilities, the term <b>weapon</b> does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 and 1/2 inches in length.</p> <p><b>Possession</b> - a student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker; under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to or from the school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1317.2 Pol. 218  SC 1317.2	<p>The Board prohibits students from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school building, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to school or sponsored activity, or while the student is coming to or from school.</p> <p>The Board shall expel for a period of not less than one (1) year any student who violates this weapons policy. Such expulsion shall be given in conformance with formal due process proceedings required by law. The Principal may recommend modifications of such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p>
SC 1317.2 20U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq	In the case of a student with disabilities, the Charter School shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A</p>	<p>The Principal shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession weapons on school property. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>The Principal shall immediately report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to local law enforcement officials and inform the student's parent/ guardian.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A, 1317.2</p>	<p>The Principal shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Principal shall annually inform staff, students and parent/guardians about the Board policy prohibiting weapons and about their personal responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the school community.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Principal shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that sets forth procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon by any person on school property.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines SC 1317.2</p>	<p>An exception to this policy may be made by the Principal, who shall prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed.</p>
<p>18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>	<p>In accordance with federal law, possession or discharge of a firearm in, on, or within 1,000 feet of school grounds is prohibited. Violations shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.</p>
	<p>Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.</p>
	<p>References:</p>
	<p>SchoolCode -24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2, Article XVII - A</p>
	<p>Possession of Weapon on School Property - 18Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912</p>
	<p>GunControl Act-18U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922</p>
	<p>Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.</p>

	<p>Gun-Free Schools Act - 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151</p> <p>Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300</p>
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