

## REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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POLICY: WEAPONS IN SCHOOLS - NONSTUDENT

CODE: GBJ

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Employees, district volunteers, district contractors and/or their employees and the general public shall not possess a dangerous or deadly weapon or firearm on district property or at school-sponsored events. This prohibition includes those who may otherwise be permitted by law to carry such weapons.

For purposes of this policy, and as defined by state and federal law, weapon includes:

1. "Dangerous weapon" - any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
2. "Deadly weapon" - any instrument, article or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
3. "Firearm" - any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm silencer or any other destructive device including any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas.

Any firearm, dangerous weapon or deadly weapon possessed on or about a person while at school is subject to seizure or police forfeiture.

Weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel are permitted.

Firearms or other dangerous weapons under the control of an adult which are to be used as part of bona fide class instruction or athletic event are permitted. This includes such things as hunter safety courses and antique weapons used in display and instruction activities. In such cases, the school principal shall be notified and give prior approval.

Staff members may possess a noxious or irritant gas canister as a personal defense device. However, irresponsible use, attempted use, or threatened use of this device will be treated as a violation of this policy. Persons wishing to carry such a device must register with the principal's office.

The superintendent may authorize other persons to possess weapons at school. The superintendent may prescribe special conditions or procedures to be followed before giving such authorization.

The superintendent will ensure notice of this policy is provided.

Employees in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Individuals contracting with the district and volunteers will be subject to appropriate sanctions. A referral to law enforcement may be made.

END OF POLICY

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Legal References:

ORS 161.015  
ORS 166.210 - 166.370  
ORS 332.107

Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C., §§ 921(a) (25) and (26) and 922(q);

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