

# Stewart County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Weapons &amp; Dangerous Instruments</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.309</b>	Issued Date: <b>11/18/99</b>
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon<sup>1</sup> in school buildings  
2 or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-  
3 sponsored activity, function or event.

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5 Students shall not have a knife in their possession while going to or from school, while at school, or at  
6 a school sponsored activity. A student in possession of a knife with a blade in excess of three (3) inches  
7 at any of the above places will be considered in possession of a dangerous weapon.

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9 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to " . . . any firearm,  
10 explosive, explosive weapon, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife,  
11 blackjack, knuckles . . ." <sup>1</sup>

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13 Students who are found to have violated this policy shall be subject to suspension for a period of not less  
14 than one (1) year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this suspension requirement  
15 on a case-by-case basis. <sup>2</sup>

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17 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the  
18 student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.<sup>3</sup>

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33 Legal References:  
34 1. TCA 39-17-1309; 18 U.S.C. 921  
35 2. Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14601 (1)(2)  
36 3. TCA 49-6-4209; Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14602 (a)

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33 Cross References:  
34 Discipline Procedures 6.313  
35 Suspensions 6.316

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