STUDENT POSSESSION OF WEAPONS/FACSIMILE DANGEROUS WEAPONS

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The Phillips Board of Education recognizes that periodically infraction of laws and of school rules and regulations will occur and that the nature of the possible infractions is so varied that specific rules and regulations to cover each possible infraction are impossible to construct.

The goal of the District is to provide help, guidance, and resolution of behavioral and other problems so that the health, safety, and welfare of every student and employee may be protected during the school day, during a school related activity, or on the school grounds, including athletic fields, transportation garage and applicable school forests as determined by board policy 834.

In the event of infractions of school rules and/or criminal laws, the administrator shall use his/her judgement and interpretation of School Board Policy in determining the severity of the case and the procedure to be followed.

Section 120.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall be followed if suspension and/or expulsion is contemplated. In all expulsion cases, school legal counsel shall be contacted before any action is taken.

Weapons/Facsimile Dangerous Weapon

Any student found in possession of a weapon at school, on the school bus, or at any school sponsored activity is subject to the following:

- 1) Immediate confiscation of the weapon. The principal/designee shall determine whether or not the item is returned at a later date.
- 2) Parent/guardian notification.
- 3) Conference with the building principal/designee. The principal/designee shall determine the dangerousness and severity of the weapon possession as well as the intent of the student and implement one or more of the consequences listed below:
 - a) referral to guidance counseling/school psychologist
 - b) detention and/or suspension
 - c) referral to law enforcement
 - d) recommendation for expulsion

A weapon may be defined as any object possessed or used that was designed or intended for injuring another person whether by accident or intentionally.

A <u>facsimile dangerous weapon</u> may be defined as any replica, toy, starter pistol, or other object that bears a reasonable resemblance to or that reasonably can be perceived as a dangerous weapon.

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