

**DIOCESE OF DES MOINES**

**Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations**

**STUDENT PERSONNEL**

**Weapons, Dangerous Objects and Look-A-Likes**

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Board that weapons, other dangerous objects and look-a-likes be taken from students and others who bring them or possess them on school property and/or school related activities.

Parents/Guardians of students found to possess weapons, dangerous objects and/or look-a-likes on school property or school related activities shall be notified immediately. Possession or confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects will be reported to law enforcement officials. Students will be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension or expulsion.

Students bringing firearms or possessing firearms in school or school related activities will be expelled for not less than one year. The superintendent and principal have the authority to recommend this expulsion requirement be modified for students on a case-by-case basis. For the purpose of this portion of the policy, the term “firearm” includes, but is not limited to, any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for such a weapon, or any explosive, incendiary or poison gas.

The principal may allow authorized persons to display weapons, other dangerous objects and look-a-likes for educational purposes. (281-IAC 12.3(6))

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