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## 4217 - WEAPONS

TMM/Board of Education hereby finds that the safety and welfare of the citizens of this District are inextricably dependent upon assurances of safety for children attending, and the persons employed by, schools in this District.

The Board prohibits service personnel members from possessing or carrying or causing the possession or carrying of any firearm or other deadly weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Board including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Board, the site of any school-sponsored event, or in a Board-owned vehicle unless such person is a law enforcement officer acting in his/her official capacity or s/he has the express written permission of the Board or Principal to conduct programs with valid educational purposes. Any employee violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

This prohibition does not apply to an individual twenty-one (21) or older who has a valid concealed handgun permit and possesses a concealed firearm while in a motor vehicle in a public school's parking lot, traffic circle, or other area of vehicular ingress or egress so long as the firearm is out of view from individuals outside the vehicle.

Further, this prohibition does not apply to an individual twenty-one (21) or older who has a valid concealed handgun permit and possess an unloaded firearm in a locked vehicle or locked firearm case, that is on any part of school grounds used as a parking facility provided, however, that the handgun case or rack is not visible to those passing by the vehicle (i.e., the case is in the vehicle trunk, glove box or other interior compartment, or in another locked container securely fixed to the vehicle.)

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- E. "Nunchaka" means a flailing instrument consisting of two (2) or more rigid parts, connected by a chain, cable, rope or other nonrigid, flexible or springy material, constructed in such a manner as to allow the rigid parts to swing freely so that one (1) rigid part may be used as a handle and the other rigid part may be used as the striking end.
- F. "Metallic or false knuckles" means a set of finger rings attached to a transverse piece to be worn over the front of the hand for use as a weapon and constructed in such a manner that, when striking another person with the fist or closed hand, considerable physical damage may be inflicted upon the person struck. The terms "metallic or false knuckles" shall include any such instrument without reference to the metal or other substance or substances from which the metallic or false knuckles are made.
- G. "Pistol" means a short firearm having a chamber which is integral with the barrel, designed to be aimed and fired by the use of a single hand.
- H. "Revolver" means a short firearm having a cylinder of several chambers that are brought successively into line with the barrel to be discharged, designed to be aimed and fired by the use of a single hand.
- 1. "Pepper Spray" means a temporarily disabling aerosol that is composed partly of capsicum oleoresin and causes irritation, blinding of the eyes, and inflamation of the nose, throat, and skin that is intended for self-defense use.
- J. Other deadly weapons of like kind or character above which may be easily concealed on or about the person.
- K. Explosive, chemical, biological and radiological materials.

The term "deadly weapon" does not include any item or material owned by the school or Board, intended for curricular use, and used by the student at the time of the alleged offense solely for curricular purposes. The term "deadly weapon" does not include pepper spray as defined above when used by any person over the age of sixteen (16) solely for self-defense purposes.

"Concealed" means hidden from ordinary observation so as to prevent disclosure or recognition. A deadly weapon is concealed when it is carried on or about the person in such a manner that another person in the ordinary course of events would not be placed on notice that the deadly weapon was being carried.

"Firearm" means any weapon which will expel a projectile by action of an explosion.

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