

## **WEAPONS IN SCHOOL**

In order to promote a safe environment for students and employees, at Islesboro Central School (ICS), all persons are prohibited from the following conduct at all times on school premises, in any school vehicle, at any school-sponsored activity, or at any time or place if the conduct has an adverse effect on the discipline or welfare of the school:

**\*\*Possession or use of any weapon.** Possession or use of any article commonly used or designed to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons. Examples of such articles include, but are not limited to: firearms, ammunition, explosives, “brass” knuckles, switch blades, butterfly knives, chains, clubs, etc.

**\*\*Use of any object as a weapon.** Use of any object, although not necessarily designed to be a weapon, to inflict or to threaten bodily harm and/or to intimate, coerce or harass. Examples of such objects include, but are not limited to: belts and other articles of clothing, combs, pencils, files, compasses, scissors, and replicas of weapons.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

The Principal or designee shall take appropriate action against any individual violating this policy, including but not limited to student disciplinary action (which may include suspension and referral for expulsion), employee disciplinary action, and referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate.

The Principal may authorize inspections of student automobiles, clothing, purses, bags, backpacks and other personal belongings when there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the inspection will produce evidence that this policy has been violated.

### **STUDENT EXPULSION**

Students who violate this policy will be removed from all ICS classes and activities and recommended for expulsion by the School Committee. The School Committee may expel any student:

**\*\*who is deliberately disobedient or deliberately disorderly;**

**\*\*for infractions or violence;**

**\*\*who possesses on school property a firearm, as defined in Title 17-A MRSA S 2(12-A),**

**\*\*who, with use of any other dangerous weapon as defined in Title 17-A MRSA S 2(9) (A), intentionally or knowingly causes injury or accompanies use of a weapon with the threat to cause injury.**

Additionally, as required by 20-A MRSA S 1001(9-A) and the federal Gun-Free School Act of 1994, students who are found to have brought a firearm, as defined in 18 USCA S 921 et seq., to school shall be expelled by the School Committee for a period of not less than one (1) year and referred to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

### **ROLE OF THE SCHOOL STAFF**

School personnel will take such action as may in their judgement be appropriate to secure the health and safety of students during any altercation involving violence and/or use of a weapon. Incidents are to be reported immediately to the building administrator.

Legal References: 20-A MRSA SS 1001 (9); 1001 (9-A); 6552  
17-A MRSA SS 2(9); 2(12) (A)  
18 USCA S 921 et s

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