

1. Purpose

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario shall not tolerate the use, threat of use, or possession of weapons or replicas thereof by any unauthorized person on its property or in buildings or at Board-sponsored activities. The Board shall not tolerate the presence of weapons or replicas thereof in lockers, school bags, handbags, or in any other place on its property.

2. Administrative Procedure

1) The following definition will be used:

A **weapon** is:

- anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use in causing death or injury to any person;
- anything used, designed to be used, or intended for use for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.

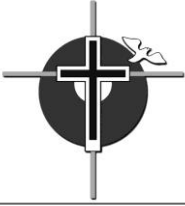
2) Principals shall not permit any of the following items on school grounds or school designated parking areas for staff or students adjacent to the school:

- a) laser pointers or any product that has the potential to cause injury;
- b) any knife;
- c) anything that is declared to be prohibited or restricted weapon by the Criminal Code of Canada including brass knuckles, spiked wristbands, etc.;
- d) any weapon from which any shot, bullet, or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury;
- e) any explosive devices;
- f) any item that is intended to be used as a weapon or which may be seen as a weapon at the discretion of the principal.

3) **Threat of Use of Weapons** (no weapon in possession)

When a student acts in violation of the policy, the principal will, in addition to supporting the victim:

- a) inform the student that such behaviour is in violation of Board policy and Section 306.(1) of the Education Act;
- b) record the violation for future reference;
- c) inform the parent/guardian (if student is under 18 years of age) of the behaviour that is in violation of the policy and inform the parent/guardian that progressive disciplinary action including possible suspension will be taken;



- d) inform the police of the violation;
- e) consider an alternative learning placement or program as well as referral of the student to the school chaplain, counselor, student support worker, psychologist, or recommend that the parent/guardian seek professional help from an external agency;
- f) consider removing the student from the class of any person the student has threatened and/or from any activity the threatened student participates in;
- g) impose in school sanctions such as community services, loss of school privileges, detention, etc.;
- h) complete and file a Violent Incident Form, if applicable.

4) Possession of a Weapon/Replica

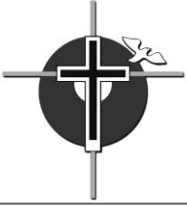
When a student acts in violation of the policy, the principal will, in addition to supported the victim:

- i. inform the student that the behaviour violates Board policy and section 310.(1) of the Education Act;
- ii. record the violation for future reference;
- iii. confiscate the weapon, if confiscation can be carried out safely, and store it in a safe place until it can be handed over to the police or disposed of;
- iv. inform the parent/guardian if student is under 18 years of age the student will be suspended pending an investigation and possible expulsion;
- v. inform the police of the violation of the policy follow Board protocol as outlined in the Board's Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Safe School Procedures and Resource and Administration Manual;
- vi. consider referral of the student to the school chaplain, counselor, student support worker, psychologist or recommend that the parent/guardian seek professional help from an external agency;
- vii. suspend the student for a period of up to twenty days pending an investigation leading to possible expulsion; and
- viii. complete and file a Violent Incident Form, if applicable.

5) Use of Weapons/Replicas

If a student in any way uses a weapon or replica thereof, the principal will, in addition to supporting victim:

- i. inform the student that such behaviour is in violation of Board policy and section 310.(1) of the Education Act;



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- ii. record the violation for future reference;
- iii. confiscate the weapon or replica, if the confiscation can be carried out safely, and turn it over to police at the earliest possible convenience or store it in a safe place;
- iv. inform the parent/guardian, if student is under the age of eighteen years, the behaviour of the student is in violation of Board policy and the Education Act;
- v. suspend the student for a period of up to twenty days pending an investigation leading to possible expulsion;
- vi. inform the police of the violation of the policy follow Board protocol as outlined in the Board's Suspension and expulsion Policy and Safe School Resource and Administration Manual;
- vii. consider referral of the student to a school chaplain, counselor, social worker psychologist, or recommend that the parent/guardian seek professional help from an external agency;
- viii. consider removing the student from the class of any person the student has threatened and/or from any activity the threatened student participates in; and
- ix. complete and file a Violent Incident Form.