

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE POLICY	832 – Firearms and Other Weapons
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It is the policy of the School District of Green Lake to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions.

To aid in reaching that goal, the District shall strictly enforce a policy that, to the extent permitted by law, limits the possession, use, or storage of firearms and other weapons by students, employees, and other visitors on school property, in or on school vehicles, and at school-related activities. Although the Wisconsin Concealed Weapon (CCW) Law generally allows individuals with training and registration to carry concealed weapons in some public places, there are specific laws that make such concealed carry illegal when it occurs in or around schools in which education of children occurs and on other property owned or operated by the District, and the District is not required to post signs in order for such prohibition of firearms and weapons (concealed or otherwise) to apply in such locations.

It is the policy of the District that all persons are prohibited from possessing, being armed with, storing, or using a firearm or other weapon, whether unconcealed or concealed, in school buildings and other buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the school district, on school premises, in school-provided transportation, or at any school-sponsored or school-supervised activity, except as otherwise specifically authorized in this policy. Exemptions are made for law enforcement official acting in his/her official capacity.

This policy applies to firearms (as that term is defined under Wis. Stat. s. 948.605(1) (ac) and 18 U.S.C. s. 7151(a)(3)), dangerous weapons (as that term is defined under Wis. Stat. s. 175.60(1)(j)), unless state law otherwise specifically restricts the District from prohibiting such weapons. Examples of weapons under this policy include, but are not limited to: guns, knives, martial arts devices, explosive devices, chemical agents (including pepper spray), biological agents, and clubs. Exemptions defined in 948.05 and 948.61 are incorporated into this policy.

Any entity that contracts with the District shall ensure the safety of District students by ensuring that, to the extent permitted by law, prohibit the possession, carrying, use, or storage of weapons at any building owned by the contractor where the students may be present pursuant to the contract.

All employees are also prohibited from possessing or carrying weapons in their employment or during any part of the course of their employment, including on school field trips or during other activities that are not held on school grounds. Individuals who volunteer for any school-related function shall also be prohibited, unless specifically authorized by law, from possessing or carrying weapons in the course of their volunteer activities.

Students found to be in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action that may include suspension and/or expulsion from school and/or legal action. Any student who brings a firearm or weapon to a school shall be referred to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system.

Employees found to be in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action that may include suspension and/or termination and/or legal action consistent with any applicable bargaining agreement. Any employee who reasonably believes that an employee, visitor, student, or other person has a weapon in violation of this policy, must report such belief to their supervisor.

Visitors found to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premises and/or be subject to legal action.

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Legal Reference: Wis. Stat. 118.07; 118.31; 120.13(l); 175.60; 941.23; 943.13; 948.60; 948.605; 948.61 and Federal Laws: Guns-Free Schools Act; 18 U.S.C Sec 921(a); and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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