

*Weapons: Possession and Use (Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Employees)*

**Purpose**

The Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment relative to the educational process. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.

The use, possession or transfer of weapons by persons on District property is prohibited unless the weapon has been approved by the building principal or supervising administrator for possession in conjunction with a lawful, supervised activity or course.

**Definitions**

**District property** means on District grounds, at school-sponsored activities or on public conveyances providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity.

**Weapon** shall include, but not be limited to:

1. any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, and rifle, and
2. any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury possessed with the intent to threaten or harm another person.

The term 'weapon' does not include utensils intended to be used by the employee in connection with consumption of food on District property.

**Guidelines**

Appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action will be taken against any person who possesses an unapproved weapon, or who assists possession in any way. Persons possessing any unapproved weapon will be reported to the police.

Any weapon possessed in violation of this Policy is subject to seizure and/or forfeiture.

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee will report to the Office for Safe Schools within the Pennsylvania Department of Education all incidents relating to acts of violence or unapproved possession of a weapon by any person on school property as required.