

POLICY

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The term "weapon" has broad meaning. It includes everything from firearms and knives to commonplace objects like pen knives, laser pointers, aerosol/pump sprays and elastic bands. The design, intended use and specific circumstances will often dictate whether an object is viewed as a weapon or not.

Section 2 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* defines "weapon" as follows:

- Anything used or intended for use in causing death or injury to persons whether designed for that purpose or not or
 - Anything used or intended for use for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person.
 - Firearms are included in this definition.
 - Prohibited weapons include gas discharge devices, numchuks, throwing stars, electronic "zappers", brass knuckles, silencers, and switchblades.
1. (a) Firearms or prohibited weapons will not be permitted on school property or at any school sponsored event or activity.
 - (b) Any student who threatens to use, or is found in possession of, a firearm or prohibited weapon will face disciplinary action by the Principal. Consequences may include maximum-term suspension and recommendation to the Board for expulsion.
 - (c) Police shall be involved when a student has threatened to use, or been found in possession of, a firearm or prohibited weapon.
 2. If any firearm or prohibited weapon is found, police will be notified and the firearm or prohibited weapon will be turned over to the Police.
 3. Disciplinary consequences regarding the threat to use or use of other weapons (excluding firearms or prohibited weapons) by students may include maximum-term suspension and recommendation to the Board for expulsion. Police may be involved.
 4. If the Principal in their sole discretion determines that it is prudent to return certain confiscated objects to the student's parent/guardian, the Principal will do so with the clear instructions to the parent/guardian that such object(s) shall not be brought to school in the future.

References

- Policy G-2: Safe Schools
- Policy G-3: Suspensions
- Policy G-28: Student Discipline

Protocol Between Niagara Regional Police Services and District School Board of Niagara