

## 8467 WEAPONS (M)

### A. Definitions

“Weapon” includes:

1. Firearms, which include but are not limited to, any handgun, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, automatic or semi-automatic rifle, or any gun, device, or instrument in the nature of a weapon from which may be fired or ejected any solid projectile ball, slug, pellet, missile, or bullet, or any gas, vapor or other noxious thing, by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive substances. It also includes any firearm that is in the nature of an air gun, spring gun or pistol or other weapon of a similar nature in which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air, or is ignited by compressed air, and ejecting a bullet or missile smaller than three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with sufficient force to injure a person. Firearms for the purposes of this regulation means those items enumerated in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1f and 18 U.S.C. 921.
2. Components that can be readily assembled into a weapon.
3. Gravity knives, which means any knife that has a blade that is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force.
4. Switchblade knives, which means any knife or similar device that has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife.
5. Daggers, dirks, pen knives, box cutters, stilettos, and other dangerous knives.
6. Ballistic knives, which means any device capable of lethal use that can propel a knife blade.



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7. Billies, blackjacks, bludgeons, metal knuckles, sandclubs, slingshots, cesti or similar leather bands studded with metal filings or razor blades imbedded in wood.
  8. Stun guns, which means any weapon or other device that emits an electrical charge or current intended to temporarily or permanently disable a person.
  9. Any device that projects, releases, or emits tear gas or any other substance intended to produce temporary physical discomfort or permanent injury through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.
  10. Imitation firearms, which means an object or device reasonably capable of being mistaken for a firearm.
- B. Confiscation
1. A school employee who confiscates any weapon shall immediately notify the school Principal.
  2. The Principal shall immediately notify the Chief of Police of the Bernardsville Police Department by telephone that a weapon has been confiscated and shall request removal of the weapon by a police officer. The telephone call shall be confirmed in a written letter.
  3. The Principal shall safeguard the weapon until a law enforcement officer takes custody of it.
    - a. The Principal shall place the weapon in a box or container.
    - b. The Principal shall record or cause to be recorded on the container or on a document attached to the container,
      - (1) A description of the weapon;
      - (2) The name and signature of the person who confiscated the weapon;
      - (3) The date, time, and place the weapon was confiscated;





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- b. A person possessing a firearm or incendiary device or explosive refuses to surrender the weapon and the use of force necessary to confiscate the weapon would place another person at serious risk;  
or
    - c. The Principal in his/her judgment believes that the school community is at risk and the building should be evacuated.
  2. Regular evacuation routes may be modified as required to protect pupils and staff members from danger.
  3. Law enforcement officers shall be summoned immediately to any school building evacuated under this regulation.
- D. Removal of Pupils from Educational Program
  1. A pupil convicted or found to be delinquent for possessing a firearm on any school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function or a pupil committing a crime with a firearm shall be immediately removed from the school's regular education program for a period of not less than one calendar year in accordance with Chapters 127 and 128 of 1995, The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act and Policy No. 5611.
  2. A pupil who assaults a member of the school community with a weapon other than a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function must be immediately removed from the school's regular education program in accordance with Chapters 127 and 128 of 1995, The Zero Tolerance for Guns Act and Policy No. 5611.
  3. Removal of a pupil for reasons enumerated in this Regulation shall be in accordance with Policy and Regulation No. 5611.
  4. The Building Principal will immediately notify the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the pupil is found to be in possession of a firearm on school property or if a pupil commits an assault upon members of the school community with a weapon other than a firearm on school property.

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