

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOL

The Winner Board of Education believes that schools should be example of what is required regarding the observance and respect for the law. Moreover, the school board remains highly conscious of the health, safety and welfare of the student, staff and public.

State and federal laws as well as board policy forbids the bringing of dangerous or illegal weapons to school or school sponsored activities. Any weapon taken from a student shall be reported to the student's parents/guardians. Confiscation of weapons may be reported to the police. The building principal shall pursue appropriate disciplinary and/or legal action. All disciplinary action shall follow the Winner School District Discipline Action Guidelines.

A dangerous weapon is defined in SDCL 22-1-2 as "any firearm, air gun, knife, device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm".

No firearms are permitted on any school premises, school vehicle or any vehicle used for school purposes, in any school building or other building or premises used for school function. An exception would be weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, starting guns while in use at athletic events, unloaded weapons at color guard ceremonies, administrative approved gun shows, authorized military personnel and authorized supervised school training sessions for the use of firearms. Any violations shall be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

Any student bringing a firearm to school calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm, shall be expelled for a period of not less than twelve months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The Superintendent of Schools shall have the authority to recommend to the school board that this expulsion requirement be modified on a case-by-case basis. This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with IDEA and Section 504. For the purpose of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for a weapon, or any explosive, including any poison gas.