

Weapons Violations

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Parent talk time! After the cell phone talk (remember...no phones on during school hours!), after the internet safety talk (know who you're chatting with, don't visit unsafe web sites, cyberbullying hurts everyone), take a moment to discuss the "Weapon Free School Zone."

Does your student know that the Michigan Revised School Code states that if a student possesses a dangerous weapon in a weapon free school zone (on school property and/or a vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school property), or commits arson or criminal sexual conduct in a school building or on school grounds, the student must be expelled from school permanently, subject to possible reinstatement provided for in the law.

A "dangerous weapon" means a firearm, dirk, dagger, stiletto, iron bar, knife with a blade over 3 inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, and brass knuckles.

Is a student expelled for "accidentally" having a weapon? There is no qualifying provision for accidentally having a weapon. The code is clear, and is for the protection of your child, and all students. *You* can help your student understand the law, and help us keep all kids in school.