

<b>SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL</b>	SECTION: STUDENTS
	TITLE: 218.1 – WEAPONS
	ADOPTED: September 1, 2009
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Policy	<p>The School Board recognizes the importance of a safe school environment to the education process of Seven Generations Charter School. Possession, use, concealment, distribution and/or sale of weapons in the school environment or on the way to or from school-related events, or at school-related events or functions, involves a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee to enforce this policy</p>
Procedures	<p>Pursuant to the Safe Schools Act of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (Act 26 of 1995), the term “weapon” shall include but not be limited to: any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. Articles designed for other purposes but which are used to inflict bodily harm and/or to intimidate other persons may be treated as weapons depending upon the circumstances of a case (examples: laser pointer, lighters, belts, pencils, files, compasses, lookalike weapons and tools.)</p> <p>A student is in possession of a weapon when the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student’s locker; under the student’s control while s/he is on school property, on the property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school; or while the student is on his/her way to or from school. This includes possession of weapons in personal vehicles while on school premises and in vehicles used for official school purposes and at school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the possession, use, concealment, distribution and/or sale of weapons and look-alike weapons in any school building, on school property, at any school sponsored activity, and in any public conveyance providing transportation to school or a school sponsored activity. Any individual is subject to search by school staff upon reasonable suspicion, and where warranted, by the police. Prohibited items will be confiscated as evidence and the violator will be subject to school discipline and, when appropriate, to criminal prosecution. The appropriate authorities will be contacted in accordance with the Safe Schools Act of the Public School Code.</p> <p>The possession, use, concealment, distribution and/or sale of any weapon on school property is an extremely serious offense. The Safe Schools Act requires that any student who possesses, uses and/or distributes any of the above-named items or who aids in the concealment of an article construed to be a weapon on school</p>

References	<p>property, in a school program or event, or while traveling to or from school or a school program or event (including school buses and public transportation) be arrested and expelled from the charter school for a period of not less than one (1) year. The law does not require that the student use or try to use the weapon prior to arrest or expulsion. Possession also includes weapons found in school bags, desks or lockers.</p> <p>Seven Generations Charter School will comply with federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to Act 26, regarding weapons violations.</p> <p>Seven Generations Charter School will comply with federal, state and local laws regarding the discipline of special education students who engage in weapons violations.</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301-A, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317.2  State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.23, 10.25, 403.1  Possession of Weapon on School Property – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 912  Gun Control Act – 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, 922  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et. Seq.  Gun-Free Schools Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7151  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFS Part 300</p>
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