

**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Bloomfield, Connecticut**

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**BOARD POLICY**

**No. 1700(a)**

**RE: Policy Regarding Possession of Deadly Weapons  
Community/Board Operations**

**Adopted: 12/8/2009**

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**I. Definitions:**

- A. **Deadly Weapon** means "any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-3 (6).
- B. **Real Property** means the land and all temporary and permanent structures comprising the district's elementary and secondary schools, and administrative office buildings. Real property includes, but is not limited to, the following: classrooms, hallways, storage facilities, theatres, gymnasiums, fields and parking lots.
- C. **School-Sponsored Activity** "means any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by a board of education and includes activities conducted on or off school property." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-233a.
- D. **Peace Officer** means a state police officer, a member of the local police department, an inspector in the state Division of Criminal Justice, a sheriff, deputy sheriff or special deputy sheriff, a conservation officer or special conservation officer, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman, an adult probation officer, a Department of Correction official authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility, an investigator in the investigations unit of the Office of the State Treasurer, or any special agent of the federal government. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-3 (9).

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**II. Prohibition of Deadly Weapons**

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-217b, the possession of a deadly weapon on the real property of any school or administrative office building in this district, or at a school-sponsored activity, is prohibited.

**III. Mandatory Exception**

Persons in lawful possession of a deadly weapon may bring the weapon on the real property of any school or administrative office building in this district, or to a school-sponsored activity if:

The person is a peace officer engaged in the performance of his or her official duties.

**IV. Permissive Exceptions**

Persons in lawful possession of a deadly weapon may bring the weapon on the real property of any school or administrative office building in this district, or to a school-sponsored activity if:

- A. The person brings the weapon on the real property of any school or administrative office building or to a school-sponsored activity for use in a program approved by school officials, the person gives notice of his/her intention to bring such weapon on to the real property of any school or administrative office building or to a school-sponsored activity, and the person receives prior written permission from school officials to bring such a weapon onto the real property of the school or administrative office building or to a school sponsored activity.
- B. The person possesses the weapon on the real property of any school or administrative office building or at a school-sponsored activity pursuant to a written agreement with school officials or a written agreement between such person's employer and school officials.

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Persons in lawful possession of a deadly weapon may bring the weapon on the real property of any school building in this district if:

- C. The person crosses school property in order to gain access to public or private lands open to hunting or for other lawful purposes, the person's weapon is not loaded and the Board of Education has not prohibited such person's entry.

V. Consequences

- A. Unless subject to one of the exceptions listed above, any person who possesses a deadly weapon on the real property of an elementary or secondary school in this district, or administrative office building, or at a school-sponsored activity, whether or not the person is lawfully permitted to carry such weapon, will be reported to the local police authorities once school officials become aware of its possession.
- B. The Board of Education reserves the right to forbid anyone caught possessing a deadly weapon on the real property of its school buildings or administrative office buildings, or at a school-sponsored activity, from using any and all school facilities.

VI. Dissemination of Policy

The Board of Education shall inform all students, parent(s) and/or guardians, employees, town residents, and visitors of this policy governing possession of a deadly weapon.

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Legal References:      Connecticut General Statutes  
29-28 Permit for sale at retail of pistol or revolver. Permit to carry a pistol or revolver. Confidentiality of name and address of permit holder. (as amended by PA 98-129)  
29-33 Sale, delivery or transfer of pistol and revolvers. Documentation requirements. Waiting period. Exempted transactions. Penalty. (as amended by PA 98-129)  
52a-3 Definitions.  
53a-217b Possession of a weapon on school grounds: Class D felony. (as amended by PA 01-84)  
P.A. 13-188 An Act Concerning School Safety  
P.A. 14-217 Section 254 of “Budget Implementer Bill”  
P.A. 14-212 An Act Concerning the State Education Resource Center