

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Students

Gun-Free Schools

Students are prohibited from facilitating in any way the delivery of a firearm, destructive device, or deadly weapon to school or school functions. Further, students are prohibited from possessing a firearm, destructive device, or deadly weapon while en route to or from school or school activities, or while on school property or at school activities. A violation of this policy carries an automatic expulsion from school. The term of expulsion shall be established by the principal after consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. Subject to modification by the Superintendent of Schools, a student expelled for bringing a firearm or destructive device to school or a school activity or for possessing a firearm or destructive device on school property or at a school activity may not return to the school until the first school semester after a one (1) year expulsion period. Exceptions may be made to this policy concerning antique or ornamental firearms or weapons that are transported or possessed for an authorized educational purpose, or firearms or weapons that are used as part of an authorized school program or activity. Any exception must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the principal. A violation of any limitation or requirement contained within a policy exception that is granted by the principal shall be considered a violation of this policy.

Principals will provide information to the Catholic Schools Office annually concerning the following:

- I. a description of circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under the policy;
- II. the number of students expelled from the school under the policy; and
- III. the types of instrument concerned.
- IV. For purposes of this policy, the term "firearm" means:
 - A. any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; or
 - B. the frame or receiver of any such firearm; or
 - C. any firearm muffler or firearm silencer.

- V. For purposes of this policy, the term “destructive device” means:
- A. an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas;
 - B. bomb;
 - C. grenade;
 - D. rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces;
 - E. missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce;
 - F. mine;
 - G. device similar to any of the devices described in clauses;
 - H. any type of weapon by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has a barrel with a bore of more than one half inch in diameter; or
 - I. any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device and from which a destructive device may readily be assembled.
- VI. For purposes of this policy, the term “deadly weapon” means any firearm, destructive device, weapon, taser, electronic stun weapon, equipment, chemical substance, or other item or material that in the manner it is used or could be used, or is intended to be used, is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury.

See “Gun-Free School Report” in the School Administration Handbook.

Gun-Free Schools Report

In compliance with state law and Policy 4560, each principal will submit the following report to the Superintendent of Schools annually.

1. Number of students expelled for a Gun-Free Schools Policy violation during the school year.
2. For each expelled student under this policy, complete the following information:
 - A. A description of circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under this policy.
 - B. Type of firearm, destructive device, or deadly weapon at issue.

Please attach a separate piece of paper for each involved student.

Principal

School

Date

Please return to the **CSO FW** by June 15
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