



September 26, 2016

Dear Raytown Schools Parent or Guardian,

As many of you are aware, a new law has been passed that makes Missouri a “constitutional carry” state. This new law will take effect on January 1, 2017. Although the law relaxes certain conceal-carry restrictions for firearms, it does not authorize persons to carry concealed weapons into areas where they are otherwise prohibited. Accordingly, the District’s restrictions against carrying weapons, including concealed firearms, on District property and at District-sponsored events remain in full effect.

Below you will find relevant portions of the applicable statutory provisions and Board policies pertaining to this topic. We encourage you to review these authorities if you have any questions regarding this recent legal development.

Sincerely,

Dr. Allan Markley, Superintendent of Schools

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 656
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2016
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AN ACT

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571.030. 1. A person commits the [crime] **offense** of unlawful use of weapons, **except as otherwise provided by sections 571.101 to 571.121**, if he or she knowingly:

- (1) Carries concealed upon or about his or her person a knife, a firearm, a blackjack or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use **into any area where firearms are restricted under section 571.107**;

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- (10) Carries a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board;
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Board Policy ECA: Building and Grounds Security

Firearms and Other Weapons

No person shall carry a firearm, a concealed weapon or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school transportation or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by the district, except for authorized law enforcement officials. Adults and students may possess weapons on school property for the limited purpose of facilitating or participating in a school-sanctioned firearm-related event, as long as the weapons are neither concealed nor carried onto school transportation or onto the premises of any other school or school-sponsored activity. School officials are prohibited from authorizing any person to bring weapons on school property or to school activities, including concealed weapons, beyond the exceptions stated in this policy.

Any person who possesses a weapon in violation of this policy will be asked to leave. In addition, district administrators may report the incident to law enforcement officials, ban the person from school property or school events in accordance with policy KK or seek other legal remedies. Possession of weapons by students is governed by policy JFCJ and regulation JG-R.

Board Policy JFCJ: Weapons in School

No student may possess a weapon on school property at any time, except as specifically authorized during a school-sponsored or school-sanctioned activity permitting weapons.

School property is defined as: Property utilized, supervised, rented, leased, or controlled by the school district including but not limited to school playgrounds, parking lots and school buses, and any property on which any school activity takes place.

A weapon is defined to mean one or more of the following:

1. A firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921.
2. A blackjack, concealable firearm, firearm, firearm silencer, explosive weapon, gas gun, knife, knuckles, machine gun, projectile weapon, rifle, shotgun, spring gun, switchblade knife, as these terms are defined in § 571.010, RSMo.
3. A dangerous weapon as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).
4. All knives and any other instrument or device used or designed to be used to threaten or assault, whether for attack or defense.
5. Any object designed to look like or imitate a device as described in 1-4.

Pursuant to the Missouri Safe Schools Act and the federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, any student who brings or possesses a weapon as defined in #1 or #2 above on school property will be suspended from school for at least one (1) calendar year or expelled and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who bring or possess weapons as defined in #3, #4 and #5 and not otherwise included in #1 and #2, will also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with policy JGE.