

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF EDUCATION SERVICES
Policies and Procedures**

WEAPONS PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

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Reference: [G.S. 14-269](#); [G.S. 14-269.2](#)

Purpose:

To promote a safe and orderly environment for staff, students and visitors.

Policy:

It is the policy of the Office of Education Services that all schools and places of employment within OES shall be free of all unauthorized weapons. No employee or other person shall carry, or engage another person to carry, whether openly or concealed, an unauthorized weapon as defined below, on to school property at any time.

Weapon is defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind, or any dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, stun gun, air rifle, air pistol, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife (a knife containing a blade that opens automatically by the release of a spring or a similar contrivance), blackjack, metallic knuckles, razors and razor blades (except solely for personal shaving), and any sharp-pointed or edged instrument except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance, on school property.

School property is defined as any building, bus, school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by the Office of Education Services.

This policy shall not apply to:

- (a) A weapon used solely for educational or school-sanctioned ceremonial purposes, or used in a school approved program conducted under the supervision of an adult whose supervision has been approved by the school director;
- (b) Firefighters, emergency service personnel, North Carolina Forest Service Personnel, and any private police employed by the Office of Education /services when acting in the discharge of their official duties, law enforcement officers, or any of those persons specifically exempted by G.S. 14-269 (b).

Any employee who is aware that an unauthorized weapon has been carried onto school property must immediately notify the school director.

Violation of this policy may subject the employee to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

The principal shall immediately report violations of this policy to law enforcement.