



Zero Tolerance

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In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses shall not be tolerated¹:

1. Unauthorized possession of a firearm on school property;²
2. Unlawful possession of any drug, including any controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, or legend drug on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event;³ and
3. Aggravated assault⁴ or assault that results in bodily injury⁵ upon any teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the school, or school resource officer.
4. Threats of Mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity.⁶

Achievement School District (ASD) students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use firearms or any dangerous weapon in school buildings or on school grounds, or on any grounds used for school purposes at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.⁶

Dangerous weapons and instruments for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to a firearm or anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.⁷

Violators of this section shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Firearms (as defined in 19 U.S.C. § 921)⁸

In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possess a firearm on school property shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The principal shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.⁹

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(g)

² 18 USCA § 921(a)(3); 20 USCA § 7961(b)(3)

³ Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-17-454; Tenn. Code Ann. § 53-10-101

⁴ Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-102

⁵ Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-101(a)(1)

⁶ Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-517; Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 29

⁷ Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1309

⁸ Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-11-106(a)(5)(A)(B)

⁹ 18 U.S.C. § 921

¹⁰ Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4216(b); Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6- 3401(g); 20 U.S.C. § 8921

Drugs

In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possesses any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.¹⁰

Assault

In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault as defined in T.C.A. § 39-13-102 upon any teacher, principal administrator, any other employee of the school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools or head of a charter school shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.⁵

Electronic Threats

In accordance with state law, any student who transmits by an electronic device any communication containing a credible threat to cause bodily injury or death to another student or school employee and the transmission of such threat creates actual disruptive activity at the school that requires administrative intervention shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. The director of schools or head of a charter school shall have the authority to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.¹¹

Notification

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required.

¹⁰ Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401(g); Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4216(b)

¹¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4216(a)(2)(C)