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	Students	

Subject: Weapons in School

The possession of a weapon on school property is strictly prohibited, except for Law Enforcement Personnel. Weapons are defined as any instrument capable of projecting a missile, an explosive device, a knife, or any other instrument capable of inflicting bodily harm specified in Penal Law 265.01. Consistent with Federal Law, students determined to have brought a weapon to school or possessed a weapon on school premises shall be suspended for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year. However, the Superintendent has the authority to modify this suspension on a case-by-case basis.

In such cases, the hearing officer shall not be barred from considering the admissibility of such weapon, instrument or appliance as evidence notwithstanding a determination by a court in a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding that the recovery of such weapon, instrument or appliance was the result of an unlawful search or seizure.

Gun Free Schools Act
 Penal Law 265.01
 Education Law 310, 809-a, 3214 and Article 89

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