

<b>Students</b>	<b>Section J:</b>		
	<b>Knox County Board of Education</b>		
	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code:	Issued:
	<b>Weapons and Dangerous Instruments</b>	<b>J-230</b>	<b>11/94</b>
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2 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon<sup>1</sup> in school  
3 buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at  
4 a school-sponsored activity, function or event.

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6 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to "...any firearm,  
7 explosive, explosive weapon, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife,  
8 blackjack, knuckles..."<sup>1</sup>

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10 Students who are found to have violated this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance  
11 with policies J-191 and J-194. The Director of Schools shall have the authority to modify this suspension  
12 requirement on a case-by-case basis.<sup>2</sup>

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14 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the  
15 student's parents or legal guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by  
16 law.<sup>3</sup>

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18 Students are further forbidden to use any instruments or substances such as chemicals, pencils, scissors,  
19 razors, or compasses with the intent to do harm in a manner which renders the item dangerous.

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21 Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with policies J-191  
22 and J-194.

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24 Upon information that a student is suspected of violating this policy, the principal of the school shall be  
25 notified immediately.

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27 The principal shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian and the appropriate law enforcement  
28 officials as required by law.<sup>2,3</sup>

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33 Legal References:

- 34 1. T.C.A. § 39-17-1309; 18 U.S.C. § 921.  
35 2. Gun Free Schools Act 1994, §14601 (1)(2).  
36 3. T.C.A. § 49-6-4209; Gun Free Schools Act 1994, §14602 (a).

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