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	Knox County Board of Education Policy		
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In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment free of drugs, violence and dangerous weapons, any student who engages in the following behaviors shall be removed from the base school for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year.¹ And shall be offered an alternative placement to complete school work. The Director of Schools has the authority to modify this suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis.

Zero tolerance acts are as follows:

1. Any student who while at a school bus stop, on a school bus, on school property or while attending any school event or activity:
 - (a) unlawfully possesses a legend drug or any other controlled substance¹; or
 - (b) knowingly possesses a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921; or
 - (c) commits aggravated assault on a teacher, a School Resource Officer (SRO), an officer of the law assigned to patrol a Knox County School property or other employee of the school system;¹ or
 - (d) possession of explosive or incendiary device.

It is the Board's intent that the Director of Schools exercise his power to modify to ensure that no student shall be out of school for more than two semesters for a zero tolerance offense. Upon re-entry to the base school, a restorative conference shall be utilized to the extent practicable.

The Director of Schools shall consider each zero tolerance case for placement in the alternative school program.

Legal References:
 1. T.C.A. § 49-6-3401(g).
 2. 18 U.S.C. § 921.

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