

Section J: Students	Knox County Board of Education		
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	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments	J-230	11/94
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2 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon¹ 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..."¹

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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.²

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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 guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.³

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

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

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

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26 The principal shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the appropriate law enforcement officials as
27 required by law.^{2, 3}

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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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