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## KNIVES

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board prohibits any student from carrying, or possessing a knife on school property, on school-provided transportation, including private vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities not held on school property. There should be no reason for a student to bring a knife of any size on school property, unless approved by school administrators.

Any student in grades Pre-K-12 carrying or possessing a knife with a blade of less than two (2) inches shall be suspended for three (3) school days when circumstances or evidence indicate the student had no intent to use the knife to threaten or cause bodily harm or injury.

Any student in grades Pre-K-5 who is less than eleven (11) years of age found carrying or possessing a knife with a blade of two (2) inches or longer shall be suspended, and the principal may, but shall not be required to recommend the student's expulsion when circumstances or evidence indicate the student had no intent to use the knife to threaten or cause bodily harm or injury.

Any student in grades 6-12 carrying or possessing a knife with a blade of two (2) inches or longer shall be suspended and recommended for expulsion for the remainder of the school year when circumstances or evidence indicate the student had no intent to use the knife to threaten or cause bodily harm or injury.

Any student in grades Pre-K-12 carrying or possessing a knife of any blade length who uses the knife to threaten or cause bodily harm or injury shall be suspended and recommended for expulsion for a period of twelve (12) calendar months.

When a knife or other cutting tool is necessary for a class, a course, or an extracurricular or co-curricular activity, it will be provided by the school and used under the reasonable supervision of appropriate school employees.

Upon confiscation of a knife, the principal or his or her designee shall be required to report the confiscation to

appropriate law enforcement officials.

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