

Weapons and Weapon-Related Items

Pike Road Board of Education policy, in keeping with state and federal law, prohibits all persons other than authorized law enforcement personnel from bringing or possessing any deadly weapon in the following circumstances:

- In any school building
- On or near school grounds or property
- At any off-campus school-sponsored event
- On a school bus traveling to or from school or any school activity, function, or event, or any other school-sanctioned or authorized vehicle for transportation.

Under Alabama law, possession of a deadly weapon with the intent to do bodily harm on the premises of a public school or school bus is a Class C felony. The term “deadly weapon” means a firearm or anything manifestly designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious physical injury. Such a term includes, but is not limited to, a pistol, rifle or shotgun; an explosive or incendiary device; a switchblade knife, stiletto, sword, or dagger, or any club, baton, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles.

Weapon Facsimiles and Replicas

Non-working facsimiles and replicas of weapons, including guns which shoot pellets, and other similar objects are prohibited on or near school grounds, in school buildings, on school buses, and in private student vehicles on school grounds. If the object cannot reasonably be considered a “deadly weapon,” but still could create anxiety, panic, police intervention and disruption of school by their appearance, school officials will consider the nature of the object and the context of its use or display in classifying the offense and assigning consequences.

Seclusion and Restraint

Staff Training Procedures

Selecting Staff for Training

All school staff reasonably expected to be involved in an incident of physical restraint of a student will participate in training provided by the District in the “Managing Crisis Safely” program. The District’s Director of Student Services/designee will designate the staff to be trained in the “Managing Crisis Safely” program annually on prevention and positive behavioral management techniques, including the proper use of de-escalation techniques. In addition, training will be provided on the proper use of physical restraint, should it be necessary, to prevent harm to a student or others. Those who have been trained will be recertified every two years and, at each school, those who have been trained must meet during the first semester of every school year to review the information learned in the “Managing Crisis Safely” training. A sign-in sheet must be created for these meetings to document those in attendance.

Documentation of Training

All school staff who are trained in the “Managing Crisis Safely” program will be required to sign in by using the sign-in sheet provided at the training by the District’s Director of Student Services/designee. The Director of Student Services will maintain a list of all participants in each training session and all records related to the training will be made available to the Alabama Department of Education or any member of the public upon request.

Written parental notification

No later than one (1) school day after the incident of physical restraint occurs, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student must be notified, **in writing**, of the incident. The form to be used for parental notification can be found as Appendix A hereto.

**PARENTS AND LEARNERS WILL BE ASKED TO ELECTRONICALLY
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND WILL ABIDE BY
THE PIKE ROAD PATRIOT CODE OF CONDUCT.**

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