

GUN-FREE SCHOOLS

The Jackson Public School District operates in compliance with the Gun-Free Schools Act, Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Therefore, all policies and procedures adopted by the Board which affect the conduct and/or discipline of students are supplemented by the requirements of this act, as follows.

Section I: FIREARMS PROHIBITED

No student is permitted to bring or possess a firearm on school property.

Section II: DEFINITIONS

A "firearm" means any type of weapon, including a starter gun, which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or firearm silencer, and destructive device, including any explosive, incendiary, poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket, missile, mine, or other similar device; and any type of weapon, any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described above and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled, or as otherwise defined by federal law. Obvious toy weapons are excluded from the provisions of this policy.

"School property" includes any school building, bus, campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by the district.

Section II: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A student who is charged with bringing or possessing a firearm on school property shall be subject to expulsion from the regular and/or alternative school program and all of its activities for a minimum period of one calendar year. The suspension shall take effect immediately following the provision of initial due process and pending the conclusion of due process on the recommendation of expulsion, all in accordance with policies JCC, JCH, JCI, and all others subsequently adopted by the Board.

The superintendent who receives a recommendation for expulsion may determine, based upon the particular circumstances of a given case, that the other disciplinary action or alternative placement is appropriate and may make such recommendation to the Board. Otherwise, the superintendent shall submit the recommendation of expulsion to the Board for final action as provided by policy JCH.

Section IV: READMISSION

A student who is expelled for bringing a firearm on school property must apply for readmission to the regular or alternative school program as provided by policies JCC, JCH, and JCI. Readmission may be granted by the Board upon a documented showing that the student has participated in successful rehabilitative efforts including but not limited to progress in an alternative school or similar program.

Section V: REPORTING

Violations of the firearm prohibitive stated in this policy shall be reported with policy JDP/KP. In conjunction with Policy JDP/KD, the superintendent or his designee shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials of any unlawful activity which occurred on educational property or during a school-related activity.

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