

Tapestry Public Charter School Policy Manual

Weapons Policy

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The Tapestry Public Charter School Board adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board.

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I. Purpose

This policy governs weapons on Tapestry Public Charter School (TPCS) property and TPCS-sponsored trips and activities.

II. Prohibition of Weapons

TPCS is committed to maintaining a safe and secure working and learning environment to ensure student success. The Board and TPCS prohibit the possession of weapons of any type on school property, on school-sponsored trips, in the school safety zone, and at school-sponsored activities. Anyone violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination and, potentially, prosecution under the provisions of law.

In response to recent changes made to state statute O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1, weapons are not allowed on TPCS property, in schools, administrative offices, or at school activities. Law enforcement officers are the only individuals who may carry weapons on TPCS property (schools and administrative offices), school safety zones, and at activities.

III. Definition of “Weapon”

The term “weapon” means and includes those items listed in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1 and other applicable laws. However, regardless of the definitions and specific instruments defined in said laws, the Board prohibits the possession of knives of any type on school property, in the school safety zone, and at school-sponsored activities, if any such knife can be used to inflict bodily harm, with the exception of knives used by school staff for food preparation or instruction or by students with staff permission and supervision for instructional purposes in accordance with safety guidelines and policies.