

EDUCATION: STUDENTS

Policy 502.3-R

Student Possession of Weapons

Where a school administrator or staff member reasonably believes that a student is:

- (a) in possession of a weapon, or
- (b) has used a weapon, or
- (c) intends to use a weapon,

the school administrator or, where appropriate, a staff member shall ensure that:

- (1) attempts are made to minimize risk of injury to any person without endangering themselves unreasonably;
- (2) the police are notified;
- (3) where possible, the weapon is confiscated and turned over to the police;
- (4) the parent/guardian is contacted;
- (5) the student is suspended by the Principal or Vice Principal pending disciplinary action;
- (6) the Superintendent of Schools is immediately notified.

Disciplinary action shall involve each of the five following actions:

- (1) The police will be informed and they will determine if criminal charges will be laid.
- (2) The incident shall be immediately referred to the Board of Review consisting of:
 - a) Area Superintendent (Chair);
 - b) School Principal;
 - c) Counsellor;
 - d) Other persons as appropriate (e.g., R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer)
- (3) The Board of Review will review the circumstances related to the student's conduct and make a report to the Superintendent with a recommendation which may include one or more of the following: a) a suspension of a specified duration, b) transfer to another school, c) suspension pending criminal charges where there is a threat to the welfare of other students, d) exclusion from school under Section 85(3)(a)(b) of the School Act for students 16 years of age or older, e) referral to the School Medical Officer under Section 91 of the School Act, f) other action deemed appropriate.
- (4) The student shall be liable to severe disciplinary action including but not limited to a suspension of more than five days or exclusion from school.
- (5) The Board of Education will be notified of each incident as soon as practicable.

The Board will give the student and his/her parent or legal guardian an opportunity to meet

with the Board before it imposes any further disciplinary action recommended by the Board of Review or Superintendent.